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This is an opportunity for existing business owners to get advice on marketing, customer service or cash flow issues. Budding entrepreneurs may receive advice on developing a business plan, marketing and record keeping. Acree is knowledgeable about state and national resources that are available for businesses.

Acree will be available the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but the REED Center offers consulting by appointment any time, any day. The consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Appointments may be made by contacting the REED Center at (731) 587-REED (7333). The REED Center is located at 920 University St., Martin.

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Students and producers to benefit from ag research station realignment

The coordination of agricultural education in West Tennessee will be enhanced with the recent announcement that the land, buildings and equipment of the University of Tennessee Experiment Station’s Martin Research and Education Center will become teaching resources of UT Martin’s Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. UT interim vice president for agriculture Buddy Mitchell and UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan jointly announced the transfer, which came effective Sunday.

UT Martin currently operates 200 acres of the 600-acre farm adjacent to the campus as part of its Agriculture and Natural Resources Teaching Center. With this change, a swine production facility and the remainder of the land will be incorporated into UT Martin’s teaching and public service programs.

“This realignment of the Martin research station is positive for the university and also for West Tennessee agriculture,” said Mitchell. “We believe that our research efforts can now be more focused at our Milan and Jackson Experiment Stations, and the experiential learning for UT Martin students will be greatly enhanced.”

“We’re glad to join UT Martin in a new partnership that will greatly enhance our animal disease surveillance and diagnostic capabilities,” said Tennessee Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens. “The development of a West Tennessee diagnostic laboratory will be critically important to our efforts to safeguard Tennessee’s billion-dollar livestock industry from both naturally occurring and foreign animal diseases. With UT Martin providing high-quality service, this partnership creates a state-wide presence and capability that we’ve never had before.”

The laboratory partnership is funded through the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program, a $5 million appropriation for farm programs in this year’s state budget as proposed by Gov. Phil Bredesen and supported by the Tennessee General Assembly.

Dunagan praised the innovative approach by UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Dean Jim Byford and Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Chair Jerry Gresham. “I also appreciate the constructive role of Buddy Mitchell and Agriculture Research Dean Roland Mote. This truly is a case of the UT System working together to strengthen our respective missions.”

Byford added, “This provides UT Martin an increased opportunity to do what it does best — prepare students with the necessary science background and experience to work in the real world.”

The following changes will go into effect:

• The Swine Research Facility will continue to house a reduced number of swine that will be used in the UT Martin animal science program;
• The granary at the Swine Research Facility will be converted into the West Tennessee Diagnostic Laboratory that is being funded by the Tennessee State Department of Agriculture. The facility is expected to be online within 12 months and will serve area livestock producers;
• The cropland will be utilized in the future by the UT Martin plant science faculty for large-scale crop plots.

“We are pleased to have the opportunity to expand our teaching program with the additional cropland and research facilities currently operated by the experiment station,” added Gresham. “The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources faculty members welcome the chance to develop new initiatives to benefit the experiential learning experience of our students and serve producers of our area.”

Experiment Station Dean Tom Klindt endorsed the organizational change, noting that research resources to serve West Tennessee producers will be better focused while permitting students an exceptional opportunity to learn by hands-on experience.

Local residents receive degrees from UT Martin

Ten McNairy County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent fall commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:
• Adamsville – Sarah Theresa Horton, James Adam Morgan;
• Bethel Springs – Jared Alan Walters;
• Fingert – William Eric Zuppinger;
• Ramer – Bethany Lauren McClain;
• Selmer – Matthew Tyler Jernigan, Jessica Renee Perrigo, Laura Lee Younger;
• Stantonville – Karla Jo Love.

Among students receiving graduate degrees was:
• Selmer – Carol Fields Cochran.

Dr. Mike Reville, Jackson, UT Martin alumnus, was the keynote speaker, and Chancellor Nick Dunagan presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees.
FOLLOW THE MONEY — Union City High School seniors (from left) Victoria Trecee, Tyler Sherwood, Wes Carr and Tommy Gossett and their classmates are invited to the UCHS Financial Aid Night Thursday at 6 p.m. in the UCHS commons area. Seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend the event to learn how to complete applications that will qualify them for grants and loans. Judy Woodward, assistant director of financial aid at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will be present to explain the various types of financial aid and give information on filling out the information requested on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The meeting will last about one hour, according to UCHS guidance counselor Winnie Logan. The applications that will be discussed are used at universities, colleges, community colleges and trade and vocational schools to award federal money. In order to qualify for grants and loans, students must complete the packet of financial information of the student and parent based on the 2005 tax year. For more information, call Mrs. Logan at 885-2373, Ext. 15.

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UTM ECCE offers horsemanship

The UT Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education and the Women’s Equestrian Team will offer Beginning Horsemanship English/Western Riding Lessons. Individual lessons will cover the fundamentals of horse safety and horsemanship to include handling, grooming, equipment, riding Western/English and the relationship of riding to physical and mental well-being.

The instructors for the class are the UT Martin equestrian team coaches, Meghan Cunningham (Hunt) and Kristen McDonald (Western). To schedule a lesson(s), contact Cunningham at 881-7273 or McDonald at 881-7261.

No prior riding experience is necessary. Riders must be at least 7 years of age to participate. Requirements for the class are long pants, boots with heel and a waiver form. Riding helmets will provided. The cost is $35 per hour lesson. The lesson will include a half hour riding time. To register, call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

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Those who earn a GPA of 3.8-4.0 are listed with highest honors; 3.5-3.79 with high honors; and 3.2-3.49 with honors.

Local students on the list include:
- Emily E. Fuqua of Cottage Grove; Elizabeth A. Hub bard of Henry; and William Justin Cheek of Springville;
- Richard I. Ellison, Kayla R. Parsons, Carrie R. White and Christy N. White, all of Buchanan; Gabrielle J. Lorbiecki of Como; Justin R. Morton of Cottage Grove; Emma D. Bishop, Summer D. Gladwin and Michelle L. Roberts, all of Henry; Timothy L. Allen of Puryear; and Rilladean S. Boudour and Brittany L. Wiles, both of Springville;
- Honors — Lauren N. Dunning, Robin L. Medlock, Joanna L. Robbins, Jacob B. Wilson, all of Paris; Cristine L. Manning of Cottage Grove; Rachel A. Aubuchon and Meagan D. Drye, all of Henry; Angela Ray of Mansfield; and Zachary T. Sawyers of Puryear.

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Training for spring sports? Have fun, but don't leave out the basics

To prepare your child for the upcoming sports season, there are a variety of things that you can do. A child who is in good physical condition will last longer in the game and make better quality plays. Children can have fun with everyday skills. For example, in our house we do 10 push-ups on commercial breaks. If push-ups aren't your thing, start simple by sprinting to the garbage cans, rake a big pile of leaves and then run around the house before you jump in it (everytime).

It is important to note that all children are different. You already know this if you are a parent. However, if your child is a couch potato and does little movement other than finger exercises with the remote, then it is important to start them off slowly. If your child is a ball of energy looking for a way to unwind in an exercise fashion, then they can start with more challenging exercises.

Children do not need to start a heavy resistance training program until puberty due to hormonal changes as well as the continuing development of growth plates in their body. However, children can still develop muscles by training. If your child wants to play baseball/softball it would be very helpful for you to play catch with them often. Repetitive movements will help train the muscles and get them ready for forthcoming practices and games.

Rewards are a great incentive for training. If you want to help your children run longer, then it will be helpful to set a goal. Many local communities have one mile fun runs. Children who participate often receive a T-shirt that they can show off to their friends.

Take time for water! Water breaks are a great time to encourage your child and discuss with them any concerns they may have. Generally children want to excel and they put a great deal of pressure on themselves. They know when they are not good at something. Parental encouragement, not parental pressure, is vital.

The game is not only physical, it is also mental. Watch ESPN with your child or take them to a live game. Talk about what is going on, discuss why the referee or umpire made a certain call. Things like tagging up, the infield fly rule and off-sides are sometimes easier to explain when you are watching the game.

In order to witness the home run, ace serve, perfect round-off, or sweet flip-turn, you need to make it fun, set goals, participate in physical practice, talk to your child and help them learn the rules of the game.
When the temperatures drop, will your dogs and cats be warm enough?

Cold weather is here again. While we are busy wrapping up in sweaters and coats to protect ourselves from the cold, our pets are relying on us to keep them warm and safe during this time of year. Common sense tells us that we do not have to take as many cold weather precautions with a Siberian husky as we do with a Chihuahua, but there are some steps that anyone can take to provide comfort and safety to their pets during winter weather.

Our family has three dogs - one house dog and two outside dogs. By describing the cold weather routine for our pets, hopefully everyone will be able to decide what is best for their own pet.

Lacy is an 11-year-old housedog with arthritis. During cold weather, we make especially sure that she is medicated for her arthritis. She is never left outside for long periods of time because of her advanced age and her lack of acclimation to cold weather. We also watch her closely inside of the house to make sure she does not get too close to the fireplace or the space heater. She could easily knock the space heater over and start a fire or get too close and burn herself. When snow is on the ground, we always wipe off her feet when she comes in and look for injuries or rock salt in her footpads. Lacy, even with her age and arthritis, is relatively easy to care for in the winter. Our outside dogs, however, require more care.

Kate and Bedford are birddogs. Both are relatively young and have long hair coats. They are kept in an outside kennel year-round. The kennel area has a covering which acts as a wind break, and they both have well-insulated dog houses. When the temperature starts to fall, we make sure they have extra bedding, plenty of fresh, unfrozen water and an ample supply of food.

Throughout the winter, their bedding is checked and replaced when necessary, and their runs are kept free of snow and ice.

If your pet does not live in the house or a kennel, there are more winter safety tips you need to know. Cats love to cuddle up in warm places, and one of the warmest places in the winter is under the hood of a vehicle. Check beneath the vehicle or honk the horn before starting the engine to avoid serious injury to your cat.

Antifreeze which is mainly used in the winter can also cause serious problems. It is extremely toxic to your pets. Make sure any spills or leaks are cleaned up immediately.

Finally, make sure your pet is current on vaccinations and veterinary care because healthy pets are much less vulnerable to cold weather.

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Dr. Mike Revelle, a Jackson emergency room physician and a University of Tennessee at Martin alumnus, delivered the fall commencement address at UT Martin, December 17. He challenged graduates to “find stones for building a firm foundation for life.”

Highlighting three “stones” he deems important, Revelle explained the “value of wisdom, the virtue of friendship and the privilege of circumstance.”

“The reason you are here today is that you, your parents, your spouse or someone gave up time, money and hard work to arrive at this milestone. All of us have different circumstances which brought us here and will face challenging consequences ahead. I dare say that in 20 years, you will be more disappointed by what you didn’t do than by what you did.” He added, “Make the best of your life’s circumstances.”

He continued about friends, “I met some of the best people I’ve ever met while here at Martin. Cherish those friends and family who helped make this possible.”

Finally, Revelle explained his value of wisdom. “Some of you have seen life’s darkest days and nights. For some, those days are yet to come, but I remind you that sometimes only when it is dark can you look up and appreciate the true beauty of the stars.” He added, “Remember that vision without action is a daydream, and action without vision can be a nightmare.

“Today, truly marks the end of a beginning of a life as a college student. You are moving on to bigger and better things. For some, it means entering the workforce for the first time; for others, it may mean graduate school, medical school or law school. Congratulations again to all of you and best of luck in finding those stones in which you can build a firm foundation for the rest of your life.”

Dr. Revelle, who recently received the UT Martin Outstanding Young Alumni Award, is an emergency room physician at Jackson-Madison County Hospital. He also is Madison County assistant medical examiner and medical director for Medical Center Emergency Services, Hardeman County Emergency Medical Services, Crockett County First Responder Program and Jackson State Community College Paramedic Program. He is resident delegate to the board of directors, Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians. In March, Revelle returned from Iraq after serving four months as a medical officer in the Tennessee Army National Guard.

He is a native of Crockett Mills, graduating from UT Martin in 1993 with a bachelor’s degree in agriculture and a doctor of medicine from UT College of Medicine in 1999. Revelle was named UT Martin Outstanding Male Graduate and was vice president of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Dr. Jack Britt, University of Tennessee executive vice president, and Dr. David Millhorn, vice president for research, also attended commencement.

“We extend congratulations for your accomplishments. It’s a distinct honor to be a college graduate,” Britt added. “UT Martin is a very significant part of the UT family.”

Britt commended the administration, faculty and staff for leading the way in leadership programs, technology advancements and overall continued quality of the institution.

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Following the conferring of degrees, Dunagan directed his final comments to the newest group of UT Martin alumni.

“There are five things to help us be an even better university and thus, enhance the value of your degree,” said Dunagan. “Maintain your contact with your alma mater, let us know where you are and what you are doing. Give us your advice and give us your support. Help us recruit other good students, like yourselves. And finally, be supportive of higher education as you become taxpaying citizens. ‘You will experience the personal benefits of a college degree. I also remind you and all citizens of Tennessee that there is a public good represented by living in a state that has a high percentage of college graduates. You are joining a state population that has a college graduate rate of 20 percent. As a state, we should do better.’” He added, “Be an advocate for higher education. When you arrived here as freshmen and I said get involved. As you depart, my final words are get involved. Make a difference.”

Local student inducted

Grant Gates of Trenton (left) was recently inducted into Psi Chi at the University of Tennessee at Martin by Shanna Bakers, Psi Chi president. Psi Chi, founded in 1974 at UT Martin, is an honor society for psychology majors and minors. The organization holds regular business meetings, schedules speakers on careers and holds graduate training workshops.
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Carroll County Students Receive Scholarships to Attend UT Martin

MARTIN, Tenn. - Four Carroll County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Kristin Brooks, daughter of Chuck and Karen Brooks of Hollow Rock, will be a freshman nursing major. She received the Chancellor's Award and the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.

Courtney Creasy, daughter of Michael and Kimberly Creasy of McKenzie, will be a freshman business administration major. She received the Dean's Scholarship.

Whitney Higdon, daughter of Donald and Dawn Higdon of Bricenton, will be a freshman nursing major. She received the Chancellor's Award and the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.

Sara McGowan, daughter of Mike and Debbie McGowan of Lavinia, will be a freshman nursing major. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, Tenn. 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTMN; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.
UTM names dean’s list

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COUNTY NAME -- GIBSON COUNTY, TN
From Bradford, Xavier T. Alexander-Honors, Nina M. Bane-High Honors, Kendra R. Cole-Honors
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UTMATS assists We Care Ministries

During the fall semester, the University of Tennessee at Martin Athletic Training Society conducted a fund raiser to assist We Care Ministries in its efforts to serve the local community. With the money raised, several students went on a buying spree and filled three carts with more than $400 worth of food and necessities.

The We Care board of directors, staff, and clients stated in a thank you card, “It is always a joy to see our young adults reaching out to help those in need and learning to see beyond their own needs.”

UTMATS is an academic club for future athletic trainers and is active on campus in Student Orientation and Registration (SOAR), Senior Days, career fairs, Health Occupations Student Association activities and homecoming events. These students can be seen at sporting events on campus and at the sports medicine clinics off campus as they practice and hone their skills.

UT Martin to host writing project

Deadline for the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP) annual invitational summer institute is Feb. 22. The institute will be May 20 and June 5-29 (Monday-Thursday), on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

WTWP invites West Tennessee teachers, grades K-12, from all subject areas, to apply for participation.

The institute is for teachers who want to become stronger teachers of reading and writing, and a part of the ongoing professional community of WTWP teachers consultants.

All teachers accepted to the invitational institute must be accepted for graduate study at UT Martin. Teachers receive six hours of graduate credit which may be used as part of a master’s program in education at UT Martin, for recertification, for points toward Highly Qualified Status or for hours above a master’s degree. The invitational institute is offered as English 700-701. Tuition is covered by grants from the National Writing Project. Participants cover incidental expenses associated with participation.

For more information about Graduate Studies at UT Martin, contact Linda Arant at 881-7012 or larant@utm.edu. For more information about the institute or to request an application, contact Margrethe Ahschwede, W TWP director, at 881-7290 or 881-7300 by phone or 881-7765 by fax or e-mail wtpw@utm.edu. To download the informational brochure and application materials, visit the WTPW Web site at www.utm.edu/wtpw.
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Obion — Michelle L. Hurst, high honors; Valery Lewis, highest honors; Donald J. Qualis, highest honors; and Brandy L. Rainey, honors.
- Rives — Joseph C. Caldwell, highest honors; Adam G. Campbell, high honors; Dustin L. Hickerson, highest honors; Kevin O. Jones, highest honors; Jennifer D. McWherter, highest honors; and Megan L. Woods, highest honors.

South Fulton — Paula J. Boley, high honors; Emily L. Clark, highest honors; Amy K. Collins, high honors; Chastity N. Conner, honors; Kelly R. Crawford, honors; Thomas W. Fulcher, honors; Hunter O. Galloway, honors; Mary E. Grissom, high honors; Quintin L. Haskins, highest honors; Alisha A. Hedge, highest honors; Ethan P. Herman, honors; Sarah E. Hill, honors; Ascenith A. Luker, honors; Lauren N. Macklin, honors; Joel D. Malin, honors; Mark S. Malin, highest honors; Cecil R. May, honors; Delana J. McDaniel, honors; Jessica L. McKinney, honors; Charles E. Mulcahy, honors; Jason E. Nels, highest honors; Edward A. Phipps, high honors; Evelyn N. Pruett, high honors; Rachel N. Sanders, high honors; and David A. Sinclair, highest honors; Elizabeth C. Watts, high honors; and Anna E. Williams, highest honors.
- Troy — Whitney L. Buchanan, highest honors; Angie M. Davis, highest honors; Ricky C. Dotson, high honors; Laura Beth Griffin, highest honors; Natalie E. Grossner, highest honors; Brittany J. Hutchison, highest honors; Emily R. Kendall, highest honors; Tarrah L. Reed, high honors; Hope A. Roberts, high honors; Tara P. Robinson, highest honors; Bryan A. Scott, highest honors; Ashley C. Short, highest honors; Blake G. Smith, honors; William W. Turner, honors; Kelly M. Whitson, highest honors; and Robert L. Wiggens, highest honors.

Union City — Ryan S. Angel, high honors; Whitney B. Angel, highest honors; Melanie R. Baggett, honors; Jared G. Barnes, highest honors; Amber N. Beaton, highest honors; Rachel A. Brann, highest honors; Alyssa A. Brack, high honors; Shannon L. Brown, honors; Bradley A. Bugg, highest honors; Shannon M. Cagle, high honors; Amanda K. Carr, honors; Madelyn E. Carrington, honors; Dinah J. Cauld, highest honors; Kristin M. Chandler, highest honors; Mary B. Clapp, highest honors; Rhonda D. Coleman, high honors; and Misty L. Davidson, highest honors; Thomas E. Elam, honors; Taylor L. Elledge, honors; Kristina L. Elmore, highest honors; Garrett S. Flannery, highest honors; Sara V. Fowler, highest honors; Amber D. Freeman, high honors; Lori M. Freeman, high honors; Kelly R. Garrigan, honors; Lindsey B. Gidcumb, highest honors; Joseph S. Gilliam, high honors; Benjamin J. Glasgow, highest honors; Lindsay M. Graham, highest honors; Laura E. Gray, highest honors; Rebecca R. Gray, highest honors; Brandi L. Grisham, highest honors; Richard L. Guy, honors; Danielle M. Hager, high honors; Gina M. Hayes, highest honors; Stephanie N. Hayslett, honors; William M. Hudson, high honors; Randal L. Huff, highest honors; Jon L. Jorge, high honors; and Lacinda J. Legate, highest honors.

Three Obion County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

They include:
- Matthew Davis, son of Dr. Leland and Tania Davis of Union City, who will be a freshman in the pre-medical program. He received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Holly Hopper, daughter of Terry and Connie Hopper of Hornbeak, who will be a freshman agriculture major. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
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Weakley County students receive scholarships to attend UT Martin

Five Weakley County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

Matthew Cook, son of Russell and Shanna Cook of Martin, will be a freshman mathematics and communications major. He received the University Scholars Award.

Carah Hooten, daughter of Al and Debbie Hooten of Martin, will be a freshman nursing major. She received the Chancellor’s Award.

Valerie Huery, daughter of Vischenia Huery of Martin, will be a freshman engineering major. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship and the College Volleyball and Training Scholarship.

Emily Medlin, daughter of Mike and Bobbie Medlin of Greenfield, will be a freshman economics major. She received the Dean’s Scholarship and the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.

Sara Mitchell, granddaughter of Don and Jane Moore of Martin, will be a freshman business administration major. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.

Rachel Sandifer, daughter of Kevin and Judy Sandifer of Martin, will be a freshman fine and performing arts major. She received the Chancellor’s Award.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238. In-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.

UT Martin to host Third Annual Teaching Scholars Institute

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host the Third Annual Teaching Scholars Institute February 3. The Teaching Scholars Institute (TSI) is a teaching and learning consortium created by the joint efforts of UT Martin, Murray State University and Western Kentucky University.

The (TSI) is a faculty development project focused on the renewal of mid-career teaching faculty. TSI brings good teachers together to enhance their abilities in the classroom. This is accomplished in a workshop, which includes large and small group interaction and collaboration with colleagues on the development of a “Best Practices in Teaching Handbook.” Additionally, the TSI is designed to encourage the institutions’ most able teachers to engage in campus discussions of best teaching practices and participate in future faculty-to-faculty mentoring.

Annually, each consortium institution selects five to seven faculty to attend the institute. Representing UT Martin are five Teaching Scholars, one from each academic college: Gloria Browning (Agriculture and Applied Sciences), Dr. Anthony Harmon (Engineering and Natural Sciences), Dr. Alice-Catherine Cauley (Humanities and Fine Arts), Dr. Otha Britton (Business and Public Affairs) and Dr. Brian Johnson (Education and Behavioral Sciences).

The institutes focus on different aspects of effective teaching and are based upon Chickering and Gamson’s (1987) “Seven Principles for Good Practice in Undergraduate Education.” The theme for the 2006 institute is “Using Active Learning Techniques.”

Kirkton promoted to rank of Lieutenant Colonel

Janet L. Kirkton

Janet L. Kirkton, professor of military science and leadership at the University of Tennessee at Martin, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel December 5. Retired Lt. Col. Mike Kirkton, her husband, performed the promotion ceremony. Cadets, cadets and faculty of UT Martin were in attendance.

UT Martin Athletic Training Society assists We Care

During the fall semester, the University of Tennessee at Martin Athletic Training Society conducted a fund-raiser to assist We Care Ministries, Inc., in its efforts to serve the local community. With the money raised, several students went on a buying spree and filled three carts with more than $400 of food, coats and mittens.

The We Care board of directors, staff and clients stated in a thank-you card, “It is always a joy to see our young adults reaching out to help those in need and learning to see beyond their own needs.”

UTMATS is an academic club for future athletic trainers and is active on campus in Student Orientation and Registration (SOAR), Senior Days, career fairs, Health Occupations Student Association activities and homecoming events. These students can be seen at sporting events on campus and at the sports medicine clinics off campus as they practice and hone their skills.
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Students on the Dean's List for the fall semester include:

- **On Campus** - Deuk Hwan Cho with honors, Chen Choi with honors, Sae Ho Chung with high honors, Yoshiaki Fujita with high honors, Chung-Chun Ho with highest honors, Chieh-Ling Kan with honors, Hung Kim with honors, Ji Yoon Kim with highest honors, Kyeong-Suk Kim with high honors, Se-Jun Kim with highest honors, Young Bong Kim with honors, Sara Leavy with honors, Will Wong with honors, Won-Ke Lee with honors, Chan Lu with high honors, Moon Young Oh with highest honors, Kwan Whi Pyo with highest honors, Hideaki Sato with honors, Sachie Sato with highest honors, Min Kyung Sin with highest honors, Hiroki Sugihara with high honors.

- **Dresden** - Gary D. Anderson with highest honors, Zachary O. Baker with high honors, Carol P. Barker with honors, Kristin N. Copeland with highest honors, Adam S. Corum with honors, Dustin J. Cox with honors, Jake H. Doster with honors, Orrin T. Eaves with high honors, Wendy D. Elliott with honors, Cynthia M. Ellis with honors, Jennifer A. Ellis with highest honors, Boyd J. Erwin with high honors, Tiphanie M. Erwin with highest honors, Linda M. Farmer with highest honors, Edward A. Jennings with high honors, Clint B. Jolley with honors, Katie L. Kelley with highest honors, Ashley R. Mansfield with highest honors, Rachel L. Mansfield with high honors, Ted W. McWherter with highest honors, Stephanie E. Naish with honors, Jessica M. Neisler with honors, Dusty E. Patterson with honors, Kayla R. Pelleer with honors, John B. Roland with high honors, Ryan H. Searce with honors, Steena L. Scott with high honors, Jennifer B. Shaeffer with honors, Rachel A. Stout with highest honors, Andrea F. Wade with highest honors, Justin R. West with highest honors, Brooke L. Whaley with honors, James B. Whaley with high honors, David A. Wynn with honors.

- **Dukedom** - Charles V. Bailey with high honors, Matthew T. Dacus with highest honors, Erik Prichard with honors, Justin B. Bowles with honors, Joshua E. Carey with highest honors, Janie O. Dillard with high honors, Ryne W. Gearin with honors, Haley A. Hudson with honors, Carrie C. Joyner with highest honors, Michael R. McPeek with high honors, Joseph R. Morrisette with honors, Kristyn D. Roberts with high honors, Lesley M. Sawyer with high honors, Joshua B. Verdel with high honors.

- **Greenfield** - Clint A. Ay with highest honors, Lesia L. Bills with honors, Lindsey B. Boone with highest honors, Deborah J. Burke with highest honors, Beth A. Coats with highest honors, Monica D. Collins with high honors, Lisa K. Frankin with highest honors, Savannah L. Grooms with highest honors, Samuel A. Hollis with highest honors, Patricia L. Hutchinson with highest honors, Jerrl A. Lewis with highest honors, Robert L. McCull with honors, Michelle L. Medling with honors, Nina M. Poole with highest honors, Lauren E. Pugh with honors, Sarah E. Robinson with highest honors, Jonathan C. Shepherd with high honors, Delbra J. Stacy with highest honors, Jennifer K. Tharp with honors, Leah R. Trevathan with high honors, Trina M. Turner with honors, Anna M. Waddell with honors, Brian T. White with honors.

- **Martin** - Alysa E. Agger with honors, Holli N. Allen with high honors, Emily N. Anderson with honors, Joseph E. Anderson with high honors, Larry T. Anderson with honors, Gustavo A. Anzola with honors, Shannon M. Ary with honors, Nicole M. Bacon with honors, Brandon Baker with honors, Ashraf F. Baker with honors, Brandy H. Beachard with highest honors, Christopher N. Bell with highest honors, Julie A. Bell with honors, Lanna D. Bell with highest honors, Sheree E. Boyd with honors, Jessica K. Breeden with highest honors, Joshua D. Breeden with highest honors, John S. Britton with highest honors, Jennifer L. Brooks with highest honors, Mark A. Brown with highest honors, Amy B. Brumage with honors, Allison J. Bumgardner with highest honors, Hannah S. Burnham with highest honors, Kristin D. Burnette with highest honors, Hillary B. Caldwell with highest honors, William R. Caldwell with honors, Justin S. Callis with highest honors, Jonathan Christensen with honors, Christopher M. Cates with highest honors, Kayla A. Cazeneve with highest honors, Rachel E. Chadwick with honors, Scott C. Chadwick with highest honors, Andrew K. Childress with honors, Kelly W. Church with highest honors, Alexis J. Cole with high honors, Shawn A. Coleman with highest honors, Matthew R. Cook with highest honors, William H. Cook with honors, Whitney D. Coomer with highest honors, Ashley T. Cooper with highest honors, Charles Cooke with high honors, Charles Covington with highest honors, Randel S. Crittendon with honors, Darren N. Crowder with highest honors, Tammy J. Dancy with honors, Abbey A. Dane with highest honors, Laura L. Daniel with highest honors, Phillip L. Darnall with highest honors, Jason C. Davis with high honors, Jeanne DeWitt with highest honors, Selena E. DeSantis with highest honors, Melissa R. Dixon with high honors, Brittany J. Dowdy with honors, Miranda C. Doyle with high honors, Kellie L. Dunn with high honors, Katherine D. Forst with honors, Matthew S. Foster with highest honors, Samantha L. Frazier with highest honors, Scott M. Freeman with highest honors, Allen D. Fuller with honors, Erik T. Fuqua with honors, Shawn L. Graham with honors, Lindsay W. Griffin with highest honors, Carl D. Haddad with honors, Cassandra L. Hamilton with honors, Nathan L. Hammond with high honors, Persephone K. Harrell with high honors, Ryan S. Harrison with highest honors, Robin-Paige M. Hauke with high honors, Jessica R. Hawkins with highest honors, Stacie E. Hawkins with high honors, Bethany N. Hazlewood with high honors, Katherine E. Hege with highest honors, Kristy L. Henry with highest honors, Laura L. Hensley with highest honors, Rebecca K. Hinds with highest honors, Lindsey A. Holder with highest honors, Amanda D. Hollenberg with highest honors, Stephanie C. Holmes with honors, Kevin R. Horner with highest honors, Chun-Fang Hung with highest honors, Emily A. Hunt with highest honors, Joe M. Hunt with highest honors, Anuj K. Jain with highest honors, Tamara D. Jeter with highest honors, Julie N. Johnson with highest honors, Dae Hyeo Kang with highest honors, Hyun-Sug Kang with highest honors, Candice M. Karas with highest honors, Jessica D. Kirby with honors, Kimberly S. Kraft with honors, Douglas B. Landrum with highest honors, Rebecca A. Latham with high honors, Benjamin L. Lax with honors, Laura J. Leahy with high honors, Haney Lee with honors, Jessica L. Livingston with honors, Leslie F. MacDermid with highest honors, Kelli L. Maddox with honors, Cristin S. Maloney with honors, Jamie L. Matheny with honors, Darrin C. McCleary with high honors, Lindsey M. McDaniel with honors, Lindsey N. McDaniel with high honors, Sara M. McIntosh with high honors, Dianna F. McMinn with highest honors, Choul Hong Min with high honors, Jennifer M. Mitchell with highest honors, Terry W. Moody with high honors, John B. Mosley with high honors, Andrew K. Nielsen with high honors, Jana E. Ogg with high honors, Geoffrey L. Oliver with high honors, Benjamín Z. Parham with highest honors, Thomas G. Pate with honors, Rachel L. Payne with highest honors, Heather M. Peterson with honors, Amber R. Poczernicki with highest honors, Allison C. Price with high honors, Justin B. Puckett with high honors, Juliann R. Qualls with honors, Joshua D. Rainey with highest honors, Matthew B. Ramsey with high honors, Russell A. Raykovski with honors, Carl D. Raymond with honors, Nathaniel T. Reinhard with high honors,
ECCE plans courses for varied interests

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Admission applications increase for third consecutive year at UTM

Applications for summer and fall admission at the University of Tennessee at Martin have increased by 11 percent over the same period last year, according to the office of admissions.

It is the third consecutive year that application numbers have increased. A recent report showed that by Jan. 1, a total of 1,428 students had applied for admission to UT Martin — up from 1,280 by that date in 2005.

Students who plan to attend UT Martin and have not applied should note that Feb. 1 is the deadline for scholarship applications.

"There's no doubt the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship program is playing a significant role in students choosing to attend UT Martin and stay in Tennessee," said Judy Rayburn, UT Martin director of admissions. "The new apartment-style housing also is very attractive to incoming freshmen.

"The number of applications also has increased simply because UT Martin offers features and services students want. We think students tend to make their decisions based on a school's atmosphere. Students are looking for more personal attention. They are looking at the size of the university and the opportunity to be involved in campus activities.

"Students who choose UT Martin like the fact that their classes are going to be smaller and taught by faculty, not graduate students, and they like the fact that they will have access to those faculty members outside of class," she added.

Ms. Rayburn said proximity to home and cost of tuition also are important considerations when students choose to apply to UT Martin.

"We are building on two highly successful recruiting classes," UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan said. "In fact, preliminary reports show UT Martin had the largest percentage increase of any Tennessee public university last year. We were the only public four-year university to receive the maximum 100 points score on the THEC (Tennessee Higher Education Commission) performance funding measure.

"We are becoming the university of choice for students and parents who want a great undergraduate education on a moderately-sized campus in a safe environment," he added.

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Quest Lectures in Materials Science to be held at UTM
The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Engineering will sponsor Quest Lectures in Materials Science from 6-8 p.m., Jan. 26, in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center. The lectures are free and open to the public.
"Creep Characteristics of Simple Magnesium Alloys and Improvement of Creep Life" will be presented by Dr. Hiroyuki Sato, Hiroasaki University, Japan; "X-Ray and Neutron Diffraction" by Dr. Camden Hubbard, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and "Studies of Mechanical Damage by Thermography" by Dr. Peter Liaw, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
For more information, contact Dr. Robert LeMaster at 881-7382 or lemaster@utm.edu.

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ECCE will offer courses to help participants for CPS and CAPS

The UTM Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) will offer two online courses that can help prepare participants for the CPS exam.

Online courses provide an opportunity for students to learn at their own pace with the convenience of a 24/7 classroom. Courses are completed entirely online from home or office.

- Administrative Asst. Fundamentals
  Rapid growth in the health, legal services, data processing, management, public relations and other industries has created many new job opportunities for administrative assistants. This course will help participants discover and master the essentials of managerial and staff support, information and records management, communications technology, travel and meeting coordination, space planning and office ergonomics. Participants can become an indispensable member of a team by identifying opportunities and implementing solutions to turn the office into a highly productive machine.

- Administrative Assistant Applications
  Discover how economics, accounting, business law, organizational behavior and management affects administrative assistant responsibilities and activities. Determine how economic forecasting and the world economy affect an enterprise. Understand the basics of accounting including the general ledger, the accounting equation, key accounting terms and the types of accounting and learn how balance sheets, income statements, cash flow management and financial controls help keep an organization moving in a positive direction.

This course will help participants prepare for the CPS® and the CAP® exams. The registration fee for each course is $85. Payment may be made by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover) or by check.

These courses will be facilitated by Becky and Tony Swaim. The Swaims have helped thousands of clients, colleagues and students reach organizational and personal goals. Working in the medical, manufacturing and education fields, the Swaims manage a consulting firm in Southern California. Starting her career as a medical administrative assistant, Becky provides assistance as a program manager to various medical practices and has managed a large staff in the medical reimbursement field. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in speech communication from California State University, Long Beach. Tony has been an accomplished online instructor since 1998. His industry experience includes 20 years of medical device manufacturing management. His consulting areas are project management, customer service, total quality and supply chain management. He earned a master’s degree in business administration from California State University, Long Beach, and holds professional certifications in five disciplines.

Course requirements include the following: Internet access, e-mail and the Internet Explorer, Netscape or Firefox Web browser. Administrative Assistant Applications requires completion of the Administrative Assistant Fundamentals course (or equivalent experience).

All courses last six weeks (with a two-week grace period at the end). Courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas, supplementary links and more. Participants can complete the online courses entirely from home or office and at any time of the day or night. Two lessons are released each week for the six-week duration of the course. Participants will have access to all the released lessons until the course ends. An interactive discussion area accompanies each lesson and automatically closes two weeks after the lesson is released. The final exam is released the same day as the last lesson. Once the final exam has been released, there are two weeks to complete all course work, including the final exam. A 10-day extension is available.

Upcoming start dates are: Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 19 and May 17.

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The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2005 Dean’s Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Public Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

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UT Martin is a comprehensive public university that maintains an excellent reputation for its high-quality undergraduate programs, its beautiful campus and caring professors.

**UT Martin campus:** Deuk Hwan Cho, Honors; Ran Choi, Honors; Sae Ho Chung, High Honors; Yoshihiko Fujita, High Honors; Chung-Chun Ho, Highest Honors; Chie-Ling Kan, Honors; Ha Jung Kim, Honors; Ji Yoon Kim, Highest Honors; Kyung-Suk Kim, High Honors; Se-Jun Kim, Highest Honors; Young Bong Kim, Honors; Sara Lee, Honors; Won Joon Lee, Honors; Won Kie Lee, Honors; Chen Lan Lu, High Honors; Moon Young Oh, Highest Honors; Kwan Whi Pyo, Highest Honors; Hideaki Sato, Honors; Sachio Sato, Highest Honors; Min Kyung Sin, Highest Honors; Hiroshi Sugihara, High Honors.

**Dresden:** Gary D. Anderson, Highest Honors; Zachary O. Baker, High Honors; Carol P. Barker, Honors; Kristin N. Copeland, High Honors; Adam S. Currim, Honors; Dustin J. Cox, Honors; Jake H. Doster, Honors; Orrin T. Eaves, High Honors; Wendy D. Elliott, Honors; Brittany M. Ellis, Honors; Jennifer A. Ellis, Highest Honors; Boyd J. Erwin, High Honors; Tiphanie M. Erwin, Highest Honors; Linda M. Farmer, Highest Honors; Edward A. Jennings, High Honors; Clint B. Jolley, Honors; Katie L. Kelley, Highest Honors; Ashley R. Mansfield, Highest Honors; Rachel L. Mansfield, High Honors; Ted W. McWherter, Highest Honors; Stephanie F. Naish, Honors; Jessica M. Neiserl, Honors; Dustin E. Patterson, Honors; Kayla R. Peeler, Honors; John B. Roland, High Honors; Ryan H. Searce, Honors; Sheena L. Scott, High Honors; Jennifer B. Shafer, Honors; Rachel A. Stout, High Honors; Andrea F. Wade, Highest Honors; Justin R. West, Highest Honors; Brooke L. Whaley, Honors; James B. Whaley, High Honors; David A. Wynn, Honors.

**Dukedom:** Charles V. Bailey, High Honors; Matthew T. Dacus, Highest Honors.

**Gleason:** Justin B. Bowles, Honors; Joshua E. Carey, High Honors; Janie O. Dillard, High Honors; Ryne W. Gearn, Honors; Haley A. Hudson, Honors; Carrie C. Joyner, High Honors; Michael R. McPeak, Honors; Joseph R. Morissett, Honors; Kristyn D. Roberts, High Honors; Lesley M. Sawyers, High Honors; Joshua B. Verdell, High Honors.

**Greenfield:** Clinton A. Ary, Highest Honors; Lesia L. Bills, Honors; Lindsey B. Boone, Highest Honors; Deborah J. Burke, High Honors; Beth A. Coats, Highest Honors; Monica D. Collins, High Honors; Lisa K. Franklin, Highest Honors; Savannah L. Grooms, Highest Honors; Samuel A. Hollis, Highest Honors; Patricia L. Hutchison, Highest Honors; Jerri A. Lewis, Highest Honors; Robert L. McCull, Honors; Michelle L. Medling, Honors; Nina M. Poole, Highest Honors; Lauren E. Pugh, Honors; Sarah E. Robinson, Highest Honors; Jonathan C. Shepherd, Highest Honors; Delbra J. Stanley, Highest Honors; Jennifer K. Tharp, Honors; Leah R. Trevathan, High Honors; Trina M. Turner, Honors; Anna M. Waddell, Honors; Brian T. White, Honors.

**Martin:** Alyssia E. Aggere, Honors; Holli N. Allen, High Honors; Emily N. Anderson, High Honors; Joseph S. Anderson, High Honors; Larry T. Anderson, Honors; Gustavo A. Anzola, Honors; Shannon M. Ary, Honors; Nicole M. Bacon, Honors; Brandon Baker, Honors; Ashley F. Barker, High Honors; Brandy H. Bechard, Highest Honors; Christopher N. Bell, Highest Honors; Julie A. Bell, Honors; Lanna D. Bell, High Honors; Sherree E. Boyd, Honors; Jessica K. Breen, Highest Honors; Joshua D. Breeden, Highest Honors; John S. Britton, Honors; Jennifer L. Brooks, Highest Honors; Mark A. Brown, Highest Honors; Amy B. Brundige, Honors; Allison C. Buickovich, Highest Honors; Hannah S. Burcham, High Honors; Kristin D. Burnette, Highest Honors; Hillary B. Caldwell, High Honors; William R. Caldwell, Honors; Justin S. Callis, Highest Honors; Christopher M. Cates, High Honors; Kayla A. Cazenave, High Honors; Rachel E. Chadwick, Honors; Scott O. Chadwick, High Honors; Andrea K. Childress, Honors; Kelly W. Church, Honors; Alexis J. Cole, High Honors; Shawn A. Coleman, Highest Honors; Matthew R. Cook, Highest Honors; William H. Cook, Honors; Whitney D. Coomer, Highest Honors; Anson T. Couch, High Honors; Charles Covington, High Honors; Randel S. Crittenden, Honors; Darren N. Crowder, High Honors; Tamekia L. Daney, Honors; Abbey A. Dane, Highest Honors; Laura L. Daniel, Highest Honors; Philip L. Darnell, Highest Honors; Jason C. Davis, High Honors; Jeanne De Wet, Highest Honors; Selena E. DeSantis, Highest Honors; Melissa R. Dixon, High Honors; Brittany J. Dowdy, Honors; Miranda C. Doyle, High Honors; Kellie D. Duncan, High Honors; Katherine D. Forst, Honors; Matthew S. Fortner, Highest Honors; Samuel R. Freeman, Highest Honors; Scott M. Freeman, Highest Honors; Allen D. Fuller, Honors; Erik T. Fuqua, Honors; Shawn L. Graham, Honors; Lindsay W. Griffith, High Honors; Suha M. Haddad, Honors; Cassandra L. Hamilton, Honors; Nathan L. Hammond, High Honors; Christopher K. Harrell, High Honors; Ryan S. Harrison, Highest Honors; Robin-Paige M. Haube, High Honors; Jessica R. Hawkins, Highest Honors; Stacie E. Hawks, High Honors; Bethany N. Hazelwood, High Honors; Michael J. Helgeson, Highest Honors; Kristy L. Henry, Highest Honors; Laura L. Hensley, Highest Honors; Rebecca K. Hinds, Highest Honors; Lindsay A. Holder, Highest Honors; Amelia D. Hollemb, Highest Honors; Stephanie C. Holmes, Honors; Kevin R. Horn, Highest Honors; Chun-Fang Hung, Highest Honors; Emily A. Hunt, High Honors; Joe M. Hunt, High Honors; Derek H. Ivy, Honors; Loea A. Jackson, Honors; Joseph B. Jacobs, Honors; Charles A. Jahr, High Honors; Anuj K. Jain, Highest Honors; Tamara J. Jeter, Highest Honors; Julie N. Johnson, Highest Honors; Dae Hyun Kang, Honors; Hyun-Sug Kang, High Honors; Candice M. Karas, Highest Honors; Jessica D. Kirby, Honors; Kimberly S. Kraft, Honors; Douglas B. Landrum, Highest Honors; Rebecca A. Latham, High Honors; Benjamin L. Lax, Honors; Laura J. Leahy, High Honors; Haney Lee, Honors; Jessica L. Livingston, Honors; Leslie F. MacDiarmid, Highest Honors; Kelli L. Maddox, Honors; Cristin S. Maloney, Honors; Jamie L. Matheny, Honors; Darrin C. McClure, High Honors; Lindsey M. McDaniel, Honors; Lindsey N. McDaniel, High Honors; Sara M. McIntosh, High Honors;
Dean's List (cont.)

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UT Martin sees increase for third year straight

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Students who plan to attend UT Martin and have not applied, should note that Feb. 1 is the deadline for scholarship applications.

“Students who choose UT Martin like the fact that their classes are going to be smaller and taught by faculty, not graduate students, and they like the fact that they will have access to those faculty members outside of class.”

Rayburn said proximity to home and cost of tuition also are important considerations when students choose to apply to UT Martin.

“We are building on two highly successful recruiting classes,” UT Martin Chancellor Nick Dunagan said. “In fact, preliminary reports show UT Martin had the largest percentage increase of any Tennessee public university last year. We were the only public four-year university to receive the maximum 100 points score on the THEC (Tennessee Higher Education Commission) performance funding measure.” He added, “We are becoming the university of choice for students and parents who want a great undergraduate education on a moderately sized campus in a safe environment.”
**Business Calendar**

The Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center at the University of Tennessee Martin, the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center are sponsoring a series of business seminars in January.

Jan. 17: "E-Commerce and Your Business," 9 to 11 a.m., in Room 206A of the Boling University Center at UT Martin. This session will detail the different e-commerce options available to businesses and highlight the importance for developing plans to address the e-commerce needs of businesses. Steve Holt, director of the UT Martin Instructional Technology Center, will instruct the seminar.

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Jan. 26: "Small Business 101: How to Start a Business," 4 to 6 p.m., in Room 206A of the Boling University Center at UT Martin. This session, instructed by Ron Acree, a small business specialist from the Tennessee Small Business Development Center, will be geared toward individuals who are thinking about starting a small business. It is also appropriate for new and existing small business owners and operators who want to know more about the basics of small business management. Topics include: licensing requirements, business planning, legal business structures and obtaining financing. A short question-and-answer period will follow the seminar.

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**Tour China this summer with UTM**

A tour of China with the University of Tennessee Martin Department of Management, Marketing and Political Science, planned for June 4-18, will feature sites in Beijing and Shanghai, among others.

Travelers will visit the Temple of Heaven, Forbidden City, Huating Hot Spring, Summer Palace, Xiaban Park, Bridge of Nine Turn, Shanghai Museum, Yu Gardens and Bazaar, several manufacturing facilities, the Terra Cotta soldiers in Xi'an and more.

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For more information, e-mail John Overby at joverby@utm.edu or call (901) 881-7268.

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**Engineering students honored at UTM ceremony**

University of Tennessee Martin engineering graduates were inducted into the Order of the Engineer at a ceremony prior to fall commencement. Graduates pledged to be ethical and impartial and adhere to safety codes as they enter the engineering profession. Among those taking the oath and receiving a ring and certificate was Angela Pierce, of Medon. Making the presentation was Robert LeMaster, associate professor of engineering.
MHS student teacher wins top UTM Award

Ms. Rebecca Cain is selected for Dr. Carl Seale Student-Teaching Award at UTM.

Ms. Rebecca Hayes, Family and Consumer Sciences Instructor at Milan High School, nominated her student teacher, Ms. Rebecca Cain, for the Dr. Carl Seale award. A monetary award also accompanies this outstanding educator recognition.

Nomination for this award are only for those in the teaching field and an opportunity to recognize excellence in education. The University of Tennessee presents this prestigious award each year for an outstanding Education Major who depicts the goals set by former educator and Dean, Dr. Seale.

Standards for consideration for this recognition include the following:
- Excellence in Classroom Management;
- Professional Communication;
- Positive Reinforcement;
- Potential for leadership in the teaching profession.

UTM STUDENT-TEACHING AWARD—Rebecca Cain (right) won the coveted honor after being nominated by MHS instructor Rebecca Hayes (left).

Ms. Hayes stated in her nomination of Ms. Cain that "she had been fortunate to know and to be a student of Dr. Seale. Dr. Seale was an outstanding teacher, mentor, positive role model and friend to his students. He was always eager to assist his students in any way to help them improve. He realized that to promote QUALITY, it is everyone's responsibility." Ms. Cain would be the type of candidate that Dr. Seale himself would proudly select.

The student-teaching field experience is one of the most important in the life of an educator. The future of the teacher begins with examples that have been modeled in the class setting. The student teacher needs to have as much actual classroom experience as possible, including extended duties, responsibilities and activities on campus and in the community to obtain the complete picture of the profession.

"Truly, no other profession can touch the lives of others much like that of a teacher. Day by day, life experiences, skill development and enriching opportunities for tomorrow's leaders. The Family and Consumer Sciences curriculum also lends itself to knowing students on such a personal basis. The impact of the program is endless from theory, home-life, career awareness to life changes," said Ms. Hayes.

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Mark Smith Receives Bachelor of Science Degree

Mark T. Smith, son of Dr. Tom and Rhonda Smith of McKenzie, graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of Tennessee at Martin on December 17. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Biology. Mark was a member and vice-president of Mu Epsilon Delta, a pre-health science fraternity, while attending the university.
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UT Martin sets Conference for Working Women for Feb. 17

"The Balancing Act of Juggling Life's Many Roles" is the theme of the eighth annual Conference for Working Women, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Feb. 17, at the University of Tennessee at Martin Boling University Center.

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Guest speakers and their topics include the following:

- Meg Montgomery, Jackson ladies' shoe boutique entrepreneur, "Tips to Building a Successful Business," 9:15-10 a.m.;
- Laura Williams, attorney in the firm of Rainey, Kizer, Reviere and Bell, PLC, Jackson, "Getting and Staying Prepared for the Future," 11-11:45 a.m.;
- Julia Brundige, UT Martin instructor, "Building Winning Relationships," 12:15-1 p.m.;
- Dr. W. Keith Williams, obstetrician/gynecologist at the Jackson Clinic, North, "The Management of Menopause and Decreased Libido," 1-1:45 p.m.

The conference will open with registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Leading the program will be Mary Kate Ridgeway, University of Tennessee Extension Service family and consumer science agent. Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor and WestStar executive director, will welcome conference participants.

Advance registration is required by Feb. 10. Registration fee is $35 per person or $60 for two people. Checks should be made payable to the University of Tennessee, WestStar. The fee includes a continental breakfast, the conference and lunch.

To register for the conference, e-mail Virginia Grimes at vgrimes@utm.edu. Anyone registering by e-mail, should include name, business, if applicable, complete address, phone number and e-mail address. If registering for two people, make sure to include all information about both people.

Anyone with questions about the conference or registration process, may contact Grimes at 881-7298.
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"The Balancing Act of Juggling Life’s Many Roles" is the theme of the eighth annual Conference for Working Women, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., February 17, at the University of Tennessee at Martin Boling University Center.

Sponsored by the WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with the UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs and the Clayton McWhorter Foundation, the conference is designed to appeal to all working women in West Tennessee. Whether you are an assistant, an executive, in management, an elected official or the CEO of a company, this conference is for you.

Guest speakers and their topics include the following:
* Meg Montgomery, Jackson ladies’ shoe boutique entrepreneur, “Tips to Building a Successful Business,” 9:15-10 a.m.;
* Laura Williams, attorney in the firm of Rainey, Kizer, Reviere and Bell, PLC, Jackson, “Getting and Staying Prepared for the Future,” 11:15-12:15 p.m.;
* Julia Brundige, UT Martin instructor, “Building Winning Relationships,” 12:15-1 p.m.;
* Dr. W. Keith Williams, obstetrician/gynecologist at the Jackson Clinic, North, “The Management of Menopause and Decreased Libido,” 1-1:45 p.m.

The conference will open with registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Leading the program will be Mary Kate Ridgeway, University of Tennessee Extension Service family and consumer science agent. Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor and WestStar executive director, will welcome conference participants.

Advance registration is required by February 10. Registration fee is $35 per person or $60 for two people. Checks should be made payable to the University of Tennessee, WestStar. The fee includes a continental breakfast, the conference and lunch.

To register for the conference, e-mail Virginia Grimes at <vgrimes@utm.edu>. Anyone registering by e-mail, should include name, business, if applicable, complete address, phone number and e-mail address. If registering for two people, make sure to include all information about both people.

Anyone with questions about the conference or registration process, may contact Grimes at 731-881-7298.
Painting, online genealogy course among ECCE classes in February, March

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering Painting Your Imagination, Genealogy Basics, Spanish for Educators, and ACT Help! During February and March.

* Painting Your Imagination will be offered from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, from February 23-March 23. The fee is $55, and the instructor will be Les MacDaimid, local artist.

* Paint in oils, acrylics, pastels or oil all three. Participants will develop skills and broaden their vision for self-expression in painting. They will learn about color and the 10 elements of visual art. Students will provide their own supplies - brushes and paints.

* Genealogy Basics is an online course that will help participants understand the research process, ways to organize information and the use of forms to make a family tree. This course is designed to give teachers some basic knowledge of the Spanish language.

* ACT Help! is planned for 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, February 25-March 18, at the Obion County Public Library in Union City. The fee is $55. This course is designed to give teachers some basic knowledge of the Spanish language.

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To view a complete listing of the spring non-degree courses offered by UT Martin, visit ECCE's Web site at: http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/courses_nondegree.php. Click on: Click here for courses and descriptions.

ECCE also offers a variety of online, non-degree courses. Online, non-degree courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas, supplementary links and more. Participants can complete any of the courses entirely from home or office and at any time of the day or night. To see a complete listing of online courses, visit the Online Instruction Center at http://www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php and click: Non-Credit Online Courses. For additional information on any of the non-degree, online courses, call ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082.

WTWP workshop February 11

"Bookmarks, Character Resumes, and Letters: Teaching Reading in Literature Circles," will open the February 11 workshop of the West Tennessee Writing Project at Central High School, 29590 Broad St., Bruceton.

The afternoon session is titled "Writing To Learn and Remember: First Steps To Writing Across the Curriculum." For all K-12 teachers, the workshop starts at 8:30 and ends at 3:30 with an hour for lunch.

Both Halbert and Robinson are teacher consultants of the WTWP. Both sessions are applicable to all grade levels. They demonstrate classroom practices consistent with state standards, specific performance indicators and goals of differentiated instruction. Both sessions will include samples of student writing growing from these classroom practices. Participating teachers may earn points toward highly qualified status.

Registration is $45. To register, contact the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE): ecce@utm.edu; 731-881-7082; or ECCE, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238.

Elam Center Pool reopens

Following renovations, the Elam Center pool at the University of Tennessee at Martin re-opened January 17, and new hours have been announced.

The renovations included a new automatic filtration system, new boilers, pool resurfacing, and the new underwater observation window, along with new steps in the shallow end and replacement of underwater lighting. "We are excited about the improvements and look forward to having everyone back in the pool," said Gina McCleave, director of campus recreation.

Persons with pool memberships at the time of closing, May 30, are asked to go to the Office of Campus Recreation to get an updated membership card that will adjust for the time that the pool was closed. Deadline for card adjustments is January 31. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Pool hours are as follows: Morning swim only, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:30-9:30 a.m.; Noon swim only, Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Open swim, Monday-

Friday, 4-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Hydrobolic classes are offered: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-10 a.m., $65; Tuesday-Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., $50.

For more information, contact the Office of Campus Recreation at 731-881-7745.
Intermediate Excel class offered February 2 and 9

The University of Tennessee at Martin, Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering a course in February in Intermediate Excel. Slated for 5-8 p.m., February 2 and 9, Shannon Burgin, director of the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Information Technology Services, is the instructor. Burgin received a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University and a master's degree in business administration from UT Martin. Burgin teaches both credit and non-credit courses at UT Martin. Course fee is $150.

Participants will expand their knowledge of spreadsheets, work through complex functions and formulas, use "if" statements and conditional formatting, learn more about using relative and absolute referencing and create detailed examples and executive summaries. They will learn how to import data into a spreadsheet from an external source, customize graphs, integrate spreadsheets into a word processing document, practice planning and design skills and use Excel to answer "what-if" questions.

Admission applications increase for third consecutive year at UT Martin

Applications for summer and fall admission at the University of Tennessee at Martin have increased by 11 percent over the same period last year, according to the office of admissions. It is the third consecutive year that application numbers have increased. A recent report showed that by January 1, 2006, 1,428 students had applied for admission to UT Martin, up from 1,280 by that date in 2005.

Students who plan to attend UT Martin and have not applied, should note that February 1 is the deadline for scholarship applications.

"There's no doubt the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship program is playing a significant role in students choosing to attend UT Martin and stay in Tennessee," said Judy Rayburn, UT Martin director of admissions.

"The number of applications also has increased simply because UT Martin offers features and services students want," said Rayburn. "We think students tend to make their decisions based on a school's atmosphere. Students are looking for more personal attention. They are looking at the size of the university and the opportunity to be involved in campus activities." She added, "Students who choose UT Martin like the fact that their classes are going to be smaller and taught by faculty, not graduate students, and they like the fact that they will have access to those faculty members outside of class."

Local residents receive degrees from UT Martin

Ten McNairy County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent fall commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:
- Adamsville – Sarah Theresa Horton, James Adam Morgan;
- Bethel Springs – Jared Alan Walters;
- Fingerville – William Eric Zuppinger;
- Ramer – Bethany Lauren McClain;
- Selmer – Matthew Tyler Jernigan, Jessica Renee Perrigo, Laura Lee Younger;
- Stantonville – Karla Jo Love.

Among students receiving graduate degrees was:
- Selmer – Carol Fields Cochran.

Dr. Mike Revele, Jackson, UT Martin alumnus, was the keynote speaker, and Chancellor Nick Dunagan presided over the ceremony and conferred degrees.
Looking for the perfect pitch

A piano out of tune.

The Rev. Elwood Doss Jr. of Martin could be in a church pew or on a street corner, and he'd know right away.

Just hearing it momentarily dents his train of thought. And he's moved to do something about it.

"I have to resist the urge to go to my truck and get my tools and come back and fix it," he said.

That Doss would so react reflects the craftsman, the healer of discordant pianos, in him. (He doesn't do organs.) But behind the eyes of the 1966 graduate of Obion County Central High School there is more, much more that defines who and what he is.

His is an unusual mix of roles. Besides being a piano tuner, he is an ordained Baptist minister, a music minister, a teacher, a grower of grapes and a mixer and maker of less-than-mild barbecue sauce. He also has about 35 years experience as husband and father.

He has special feelings about applying the healing touch to a wayward piano. He asserts that when a piano technician tunes a piano, it's analogous to what God does in the life of a believer.

A piano technician begins with a piano that's way out of tune, that's flat, out of tune with itself, that sounds bad to others," he said. "He takes it, pull it to the right pitch, tunes the temperament octave to where it sounds nice and sweet, then tunes the whole piano to that temperament octave. That is the 'F' below Middle 'C' to the 'F' above Middle 'C.'

"Instead of making sour music, suddenly it is making beautiful sweet music."

And yes, he does it by ear. Some technicians use electronic tuning devices, but not him. "But I do give it to using a little electronic instrument that gives me the starting pitch," he said. "But once I get that pitch established, I tune the rest of it by ear."

And he has plenty to keep him busy at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where his official title is piano technician and technical director in the Department of Music. He teaches three church music courses, a music appreciation course as needed and a two-semester piano technician course.

He has been a staff member since 2002.

"At UTM we have 38 pianos in the Fine Arts Building," he said. "We have 14 grand pianos and 24 studio uprights. We have 50 to 60 recitals a year. The pianos are used in the concerts, and I tune all of them. Every piano in the building is tuned at least twice a year. All the faculty pianos are tuned four times a year."

Native son

Doss, 57, son of the late Mabel and Elwood Doss Sr., said he grew up on a 39-acre farm between Union City and Fulton. He attended South Fulton schools until his sophomore year, when the family moved close to Union City and he enrolled at OCCHS. "Those were the days when Obion Central was still new. Those who graduated with me in 1966 had started as freshmen. Ours was the first four-year class to come out of the new school," he said.

Career field

Doss said he was called to be a minister of music, "a full time church music vocation," when he was 17. He enrolled at UTM and graduated in 1970 with a degree in music education. For almost three years he was part-time minister of music at First Baptist Church in Troy, after which he moved with his wife, Carolyn, to Missouri, where she had found a job teaching school.

"I started teaching in the same school where she taught. I taught high school band and choir in Parma, Mo., and I was minister of music at First Baptist Church in Parma," he said. "Then I was music director at First Baptist Church in Portageville. In 1973 went to First Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau as minister of music and youth. That was my first full time church position."

While teaching public school in the Bootheel area of Missouri, he earned a master's degree in music education at Southeast Missouri State University.

Music ministry

In his time Doss has served as full time minister of music 30 years — 18 years at First Baptist Church in Martin, 10 years at First Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau and two years at First Baptist Church in Fulton.

He is now minister of music at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church No. 1 near Martin.

"My first love is church music and serving the Lord through music," said Doss, who was ordained a Baptist minister in 1978 in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"The thing that attracted me to UTM was the opportunity to teach church music courses. That's something I'll do 'til I die. That's my lifetime calling."

He tunes pianos for UTM and for the public, too, but his real thrill comes when tuning one for a church.

"To me, singing praises to God is one of the best ways of worshipping. A well-tuned instrument that's played well in accompanying that praise is really a wonderful thing," he said.

"So when I'm tuning a piano for a church, I'm thinking about the fact that next Sunday the congregation will be listening to and singing with a piano that's as well in tune as I can get it. And they'll be praising God with a piano that's well tuned."
Family
Doss is married to the former Carolyn Sims of Mason Hall. Her brother, W.T. Sims, was manager of Yorkville Telephone Company several years. She is a graduate of Bethel College in McKenzie, where she majored in piano. She is a music specialist at Martin Primary School and teaches private piano lessons, too.

"I grew up playing just about anything except old honky-tonk music," she said. "It's interesting, living with him. He can tune our pianos. We have two here in the house."

They met when they were members of a music trio formed by her cousin. Doss recalls that the first time he saw her, she was playing the piano. He describes her as a "beautiful young lady."

"I said to myself, 'Hey, I may enjoy this trio!'", he said.

He was enamored of her a long time but was shy. Finally, he found courage to ask her for a date. He called her, popped the question, so to speak, and was surprised and delighted that she said yes. And they went from there. "We made it a duet, a permanent duet," he said.

The Dosses have three children — Two boys, Charles Edward "Chuck" Doss, 33, of Union City; and Daniel, 27, of Clarksville; and a girl, Deborah, 31, of Union City.

Tune-ups
"I had wanted to learn how to tune pianos when I graduated from college," Doss said. "I'd seen the way Bob Lassiter of Union City did it and I thought, 'That's fascinating.'"

When he and his family moved to Martin, he achieved his dream, but not without some long hours and hard work. In 1990, he took a piano tuning course, and has been at it ever since.

He is a registered piano technician with the Piano Technicians Guild of Kansas City, Kan. "To get that recognition, I had to take eight hours of exams on tuning, repair work, grand piano regulation and upright piano regulation," he said.

SECOND CAREER — Getting the training and developing skills as a piano tuner came late in life for the Rev. Elwood Doss of Martin, formerly of Union City. His career field was church music and the ministry. He became interested in the fine art of tuning pianos when he graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He said he watched Bob Lassiter of Union City tune a piano and thought, "That's fascinating." He attended night school for a year and later took and passed a series of examinations to become nationally certified as a piano tuner. At the UTM Department of Music where he is piano tuner/technician, he keeps 38 pianos tuned for the numerous recitals each year. "When I tune a piano, I'm not tuning by pitches, I'm tuning by intervals. Because of that, I don't have to have extremely good hearing," he said.
PERMANENT DUO — The former Carolyn Sims of Mason Hall and Union City native Elwood Doss met when they were members of a music trio. On May 29, 1970, they became, in Doss’ words, “a permanent duo,” in a wedding ceremony at Mason Hall Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A 1962 graduate of Mason Hall High School and a 1966 graduate of Bethel College at McKenzie, she teaches private piano lessons at their home in Martin. A 1966 graduate of Obion County Central High School and a 1970 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, Doss is also an ordained Baptist minister.

HANDY TOOLS — In his line of work — he tunes pianos — the Rev. Elwood Doss of Martin relies on special tools to disassemble and move 800-pound grand pianos. “Two people can move a grand or upright piano if they know what they’re doing,” Doss said. You begin by placing a hydraulic jack (called a “jack-in-the-box”) under one side and raising the piano until one leg is clear of the floor. Then you remove the leg which has cast iron “fingers” that hold it in place. The piano body is lowered onto its side onto a wheeled skid board. Other legs and the pedal lyre are removed and the piano is then ready to be moved. “If we didn’t have the jack-in-the-box, we’d need someone to hold the piano up while someone else removes the leg,” Doss said. “It’s a handy tool.”
How long does it take for him to tune a piano?

Depends on how far out of tune it is. He can rough-tune it or fine-tune it. “In rough-tune, I pull it up to pitch but it’s still not in tune with itself,” he said. “Fine tuning is where it’s in tune with itself. Rough tune, 30 to 40 minutes. Fine tune, and hour and 15 minutes.”

Some tips

- Have your piano tuned at least once a year.
- If you wait longer than that, it may go way out of tune.
- Churches are encouraged to have their pianos tuned twice a year.
- You can move a piano and not affect its tuning if the moving is done by those who know what they’re doing.
- You can play a piano, but unless it’s played hard, it won’t go much out of tune.
- Has your piano suddenly gone flat? Humidity might be the culprit.

“I tell churches, ‘Please have the temperature in the worship center and the sanctuary the same as it will be when you worship,’” Doss said. “The reason is, when you turn the heat off or the air conditioning off and the temperature rises or falls, the humidity will change and the piano will go out of tune. When you turn the heat or air system back on, the piano should come back in tune.

“Between summer and winter, there’s a fluctuation of between 75 percent and 25 percent. And that’ll really pull a piano out of tune.”

Grapes, cows and biscuits

To say Carolyn and Elwood Doss have a variety of interests would be an understatement. But they do.

In addition to his being an ordained Baptist minister and a university teacher and a tuner of grand and upright pianos, he raises grapes and corn-fed Jersey beef cows on their 25-acre place in the sun near Martin. He is also minister of music at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church No. 1 near Martin.

In addition to her being a housewife and mother of two sons and a daughter, she also teaches private piano lessons at home.

She is also a maker of grape juice, part of which is used at church for communion services.

“We’ve been growing grapes 22 years,” Doss said. “We have 10 vines of red grapes and two vines of white grapes on a little rental property next door. The key to raising grapes is to be sure to prune them in January or February, cut them back to where you think they’ll die. You’ll have a good crop of grapes.

“As they ripen, we pick them, and Carolyn makes the grape juice. She makes nine to 15 gallons a year.”

And that’s not all this prolific couple produces. Ponder, please, the fact that little bottles in their kitchen that at first glance look like the famous Tabasco sauce are in reality “Elwood’s Blazing Hot Sauce.”

“It’s best on pulled barbecue,” Doss said.

It’s also hot... very hot.

“I also raise corn-fed Jersey beef. I’ve got four steers and two yearling calves,” Doss said. “God has been good to us. He blessed us with three children and He blessed me with the finest lady in the world as my helpmeet and wife.”

And did we tell you? Doss has one other iron in the fire. He makes biscuits from scratch, the way his daddy taught him.

UTM COACH

New UT Martin head football coach Jason Simpson was the guest speaker at the recent Fulton-South Fulton Rotary Club meeting at Carr Street Community Center in Fulton. Simpson had a chance to talk with members L.M. McBride and Anne Robertson, both of Fulton. Simpson’s visit was arranged by Robertson. (Photo submitted)
Local students receive UTM scholarships

Three Gibson County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, according to Judy Rayburn, director of admissions.

- Amy Jones, daughter of Tony and Dawn Jones of Dyer, will be a freshman biology and music major. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.
- Elizabeth McCurdy, daughter of Bob and Suzanne McCurdy of Dyer, will be a freshman undeclared major. She received the Leaders-in-Residence Scholarship.
- Ashley Morris, daughter of Scott Morris of Trenton and Susie Morris of Dyer, will be a freshman music or nursing major. She received the Dean’s Scholarship.

Additional information on scholarships and other types of financial assistance is available by contacting UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance, 205 Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238; in-state residents telephone 800-829-UTM1; out-of-state residents should call (731) 881-7040.

Dyer County students receive UTM scholarships

Four Dyer County students have been awarded scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin.

- Ashley Durbin, the daughter of Neel and Teresa Durbin of Newbern, will be a freshman biology major. She received the Chancellor’s Award.
- Ryan Lanier, the son of Keith and Andrea Lanier of Dyersburg, will be a freshman nursing major. He received the Harold Conner African-American Scholarship.
- Dustin Parker, the son of Terry and Karen Parker of Newbern, will be a freshman in the preprofessional health sciences program. He received the Chancellor’s Award.

Musical events slated at local college

A pair of musical events are scheduled this month at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The UT Martin Department of Music’s annual Montage Concert will be 8 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The concert has a fast-paced format that features a variety of performances by students and faculty. There will be performances by soloists, chamber groups and large ensembles.

The concert is free of charge and open to the public.

High school students from across the state will participate in Honor Choir, a two-day event sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music.

Science lectures set at UT Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Engineering will sponsor Quest Lectures in Materials Science 6-8 p.m. Jan. 26 in Watkins Auditorium of Boling University Center.

Presentations — which are free of charge and open to the public — include “Creep Characteristics of Simple Magnesium Alloys and Improvement of Creep Life” by Dr. Hiroyuki Sato of Hirosaki University in Japan; “X-Ray and Neutron Diffraction” by Dr. Camden Hubbard of Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and “Studies of Mechanical Damage by Thermography” by Dr. Peter Liaw of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

For more information, contact Dr. Robert LeMaster by telephone at (731) 881-7382 or by e-mail at lemaster@utm.edu.

NEW TO THE AREA — New University of Tennessee at Martin head football coach Jason Simpson (left) was the guest speaker at the recent Fulton-South Fulton Rotary Club meeting at Carr Street Community Center in Fulton. Simpson had a chance to talk with Trevor Hurst of Union City, a former UT Martin football player who played for Don McLeary from 1990-93.
Weakley County women among Title IX pioneers

Giles, Gearin and Dunn led the way for today's female athletes

By SARA REID
Staff Writer

Having made another free throw, she started up at the goal and at the cold, unforgiving rim and besides being all alone on an empty court, felt another pang of disappointment deep in her stomach. Ten feet suddenly seemed much taller.

A standout on her high school team with her jersey already hanging on the wall, she now walked around a court that would never play host to her cheering fans, admiring her leadership and character on the hardwood. There was no such thing as a girls' varsity basketball team.

Certainly, intramurals had been going on since the early 1900s. Intramurals believed in the philosophy of "A sport for every girl and a girl in every sport," yet opposition everywhere enforced the idea that women were not suited for intense competition.

"Women's athletics in Tennessee were disbanded after the '30s, P.E. teachers said they were too strenuous. Women might damage their organs," Jane Hooker, former president of the Tennessee College Women's Sports Federation (TCWSF), said. "Instrumental in shutting this down was Mabel Lee. She believed that men should not see women in any form of undress."

As women in sports become more popular, however, the American Alliance for Health, See Women, Page 6

Women

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Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) formed the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports (NAGWS) in 1957. Intramurals continued against other colleges and universities, but the idea of having women's varsity basketball was still largely ignored.

"In the South, girls never quit playing from intramurals, even after they were told to stop, so they didn't like playing just intramurals. They wanted actual teams," Hooker explained.

In the fall of 1965, Lin Dunn, a local standout basketball player from Dresden came to the University of Tennessee at Martin and immediately began questioning women's athletics director Bettye Giles and physical education teacher Nadine Gearin as to why she could not play basketball.

"Why can men play and women can't?" Dunn questioned.

"From '65 to '68, we were really good in intramurals," she recalled. "What I was saying and what a lot of people were saying fell on deaf ears. I was frustrated that Bettye and Nadine couldn't do anything. We had tennis, badminton and volleyball, but no team sports.

Dunn, by far, wasn't the only athlete who felt severely slighted. In a Tennessee State College Physical Education meeting in October 1968, women physical educators decided that enough was enough and set their minds to offering varsity athletic competition for women. With this widespread blessing, the first varsity women's basketball team stepped on court at UT Martin in the fall of 1969 — one semester after Dunn graduated.

Selected to coach the inaugural team was UT Martin physical education teacher Nadine Gearin. "We didn't have a lot and we didn't need a lot," Gearin remembered. "Most played for the love of the game."

The first uniforms consisted of white P.E. shorts and blue T-shirts with numerals sewn on by the players.

"Everyone was a walk-on," Giles explained. "There were no scholarships."

Gearin's first patched together team, with a 10 game season, started from scratch with humble beginnings, but even brighter days lay ahead.

In January 1970, the TCWSF was formed and state tournaments were approved for 1970-71 for volleyball, badminton, basketball and tennis. With 18 institutions as charter members, Tennessee was the third state to organize athletic competition for women.

"Bettye Giles was the first president. She and Elma Roane were the real founders," Hooker explained. "The women who organized this did it on their own with very little help from others. We didn't want to be like the men. We wanted to make up our own rules."

"The biggest proponent was the social aspect of competition. There was always a social aspect, we had sing-a-longs, dinners, banquets and sharing of talents. The women coaches became friends and formed lifelong friendships. I'm not sure that takes place today. Now, you have to be Ms. Ice."

Following this, in 1971 the NAGWS evolved into the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW). The league sought to be administered only by women to avoid the "evils" of men's athletics and TCWSF worked under the AIAW guidelines. By 1978-79, this organization would grow to have 970 members — more than the NCAA. Going to the various tournaments in places such as Normal, Ill. and Boone, N.C., the team managed to stick together even in the worst of circumstances, but it didn't dampen their spirits.

"The teams would sometimes sleep in the locker rooms in sleeping bags and before the trip, we would stop at a grocery store to get supplies for the entire trip," Giles explained. "You wouldn't believe it."

"From 1969-71, we played rover style. Each team had a player that could play the full court. After '71, we played five on five. Tennessee high schools were one of the last to implement five on five in 1979," Gearin recalled.

At the tournaments in Boone, and in other games, officials for the games could actually be chosen by the teams and, in fact,
Martin's Dennis Suiter was responsible for coordinating the officials. After Gearin chose an official on one particular occasion, he politely declined.

"I have to stay up in the stands and watch your number 55," he explained.

Number 55 was none other than standout player and present Tennessee Lady Vols coach Pat Summit. She played for UT Martin from 1970-74.

Though the team had to eventually sell candy bars to buy warmup suits, they played together simply and without rules.

If the Tennessee State College Physical Education meeting to get varsity started was the shot in the arm for women's athletics, what happened in 1972 would stand as the proverbial shot heard 'round the world — a swishing buzzer beater to seal the ultimate victory.

On June 23, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed the Educational Amendment of 1972, better known as simply Title IX.

It clearly stated "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

As part of the anti-discrimination provision of a federal statute of the Civil Rights Act 1964, it called for equal opportunity in financial support, facilities, coaching and scholarships.

"It brought attention for women's athletics at the college level," Giles stated.

"Title IX allowed women's athletics to increase the number of sports and allowed women's programs to have the resources to be able to compete," Summitt emphasized.

"I was a pre-Title IX baby," Dunn admitted. "There was no federal law for equal sports opportunities. Each (university) was left to its own decision. After Title IX passed, there was no choice. What you do for Jimmy you must do for Joanie."

With this quick turnaround, the mighty NCAA saw its hold quickly slipping so it decided to take the ball to another court — the court of law. Slapping the AIAW with a lawsuit, the NCAA argued that giving equal opportunity to women would be the end of athletics as the public knew it at the time. However, even after losing the suit, the NCAA began forming a plot to control women's athletics.
Continuing to progress, UT Martin women’s basketball awarded its first scholarship in 1976 to Paris native Amy Underwood.

“The first scholarship was naturally brought on by Title IX,” Giles explained. The university was going to have to adapt. We didn’t attempt to make demands.”

The NCAA, in 1978, proposed the sponsorship of national championships for women and so, according to Giles, began the takeover. After breaking ties with the AAHPERD and NAGSW in 1979, the AIAW filed an antitrust suit against the NCAA over its attempt to take over women’s athletics, but with the NCAA starting championships the same year, the NCAA won the suit in 1982. Smelling defeat, the AIAW disbanded in 1983 and since then, collegiate athletics programs for women are under the same memberships as the men’s programs.

“The AIAW struggled along, but made great efforts and gave women opportunities in many things,” Giles stressed.

Coming to the university in the fall of 1952, Giles chose to retire in 1994.

“In 1972, there were two athletic programs, totally separate in administration and budget,” she said. “I retired with Margaret Perry as chancellor in 1994 and at that time, men and women were put under one program.”

From intramurals to less than stellar varsity conditions to the NCAA and now, to the WNBA, women’s athletics have evolved greatly over the past century thanks in enormous part to Title IX.

On the same page as the 19th amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, it did more than merely give women a hand of influence in sports, it gave them an improved overall condition of living that, throughout history, had been solidly stacked against them.

Gearin stopped coaching in 1978, but she helped leave a legacy that young girls now strive daily to follow. She was enormously instrumental in helping play out the symphony of women’s athletics history.

“Tennessee wasn’t unique,” Hooker reflected, “but we were one of the few states to decide competition for women was healthy.”

Following in Gearin’s footsteps is one of her UT Martin former standouts and another who might have been. Pat Summit has a 900 win within her grasp with six NCAA championships to boot. Lin Dunn was a successful college coach with Purdue and in the WNBA and now recruits for the league.

“She met a lot of women my age all the time. I call them the whatifs. Now, as an advocate, I have worked hard 35 years in sports for equal opportunities,” Dunn admitted. “I want them to have what I didn’t get to have.”

Once upon a time, Dunn was that hopeful young athlete boiling holes into the empty court with her anger and frustration.

They were all Cinderella hoping to get to the ball. Dreamy and starry-eyed, they wished on many stars until, after groundbreaking strides and aspirations prompted one act of the federal government to be passed, their ball of opportunity went from the federal court to the hard court to thousands of supportive fans. They grabbed on to the ball and aimed for the sky.

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**Elam Center pool reopens**

Following renovations, the Elam Center pool at the University of Tennessee at Martin reopened Jan. 17.

The renovations included a new automatic filtration system, new boiler, pool resurfacing, filling in the underwater observation window, new steps in the shallow end and replacement of underwater lighting.

“We are excited about the improvements and look forward to having everyone back in the pool,” said Gina McClure, director of campus recreation.

Persons with pool memberships at the time of closing, May 30, are asked to go to the Office of Campus Recreation to get an updated membership card that will adjust for the time that the pool was closed. Deadline for card adjustments is Jan. 31.

Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Pool hours are as follows: Morning swim only, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7:30-9:30 a.m.; noon swim only, Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Open swim, Monday-Friday, 4-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Hydrobatic classes are offered Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-10 a.m., $65; and Tuesday-Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., $50.

For more information, contact the Office of Campus Recreation at 881-7745.
Obion Countians among
WestStar class participants

Jim Cooper and Sheila Stone, both of Obion County, are among 30 members of the 2006 WestStar class.

Representing 15 counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences. Among this year's class are chamber and economic development professionals, bankers, company chief executive officers, elected officials, city government personnel, business specialists and state employees.

Cooper is executive director of the Obion County Joint Economic Development Council in Union City.


She is a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa international honorary sorority for women educators, the Association for School Curriculum and Development and the Tennessee Principals Association. She is the past president of the Black Oak Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization, where she was the Favorite Teacher Award by the school.

Ms. Stone said WestStar will provide information about major issues facing West Tennessee. Seminars feature different speakers who focus on subjects that go hand-in-hand with leadership and community progress issues such as education, health care, community and resource development and leadership skills.

WestStar graduates already hold key leadership positions throughout the state and in every West Tennessee county.

Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor of UT Martin, serves as executive director of the program.

She said education, through academics or vocational training, will allow people to improve their lives and the society in which they live.

In its 17th year, the University of Tennessee at Martin's WestStar program provides leadership development and training for selected participants. The program identifies and educates people to assume leadership responsibilities in the economic and social development of West Tennessee.

Class members participate in a series of seminars designed to
Canadian consul/trade commissioner to speak at UT Martin Wednesday

The University of Tennessee at Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education will sponsor a series of lectures focusing on Canada to highlight UT Martin's new Canadian Studies minor.

To begin this series, Michael Flaherty, consul and trade commissioner, Consulate General of Canada in Atlanta, will speak from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Norman Campbell Humanities Auditorium to give his "Perspectives on the Canada-U.S. Relationship."

The lecture is free of charge and open to the public.

"Canada is the United States' and Tennessee's most important trading partner and the volume of trade between Canada and the U.S. promises to keep expanding in the years ahead, under the NAFTA umbrella," said Dr. Paul Crapo, director of the Center for Global Studies and International Education. "As trade commissioner, Mr. Flaherty is in an excellent position to reflect on our economic relationship with Canada and to discuss areas of vital interest to both countries, such as energy, agriculture and natural resources."

Flaherty accepted his current post in Atlanta in August 2002. As the manager of the investment and corporate relations program, he works directly with U.S. companies to locate and expand their operations in Canada, as well as to promote Canada as a destination for investment.

Travel study features Canada

The University of Tennessee at Martin has developed a travel study to Eastern Canada, slated for May 15-29.

Participants will visit the capital, Ottawa, and then go to Montreal, one of North America's most dynamic cities, and Quebec City, a walled city with a distinct European flavor overlooking the St. Lawrence River. Other points of interest include Fredericton and Saint John, the oldest city in Canada, and the "Acadian" country, settled by French colonists four centuries ago.

The cost of the travel study program is $2,500, which includes all transportation, double-occupancy hotels, admissions to all planned activities and a daily buffet breakfast.

For information, contact Dr. Paul Crapo, director of the Center for Global Studies and International Education, at (731) 881-1023 or pcrapo@utm.edu.

UTM studying Alpine culture

The University of Tennessee at Martin is offering a travel-study to the Alpine countries. The trip is scheduled for July 12-24. It can be used for an undergraduate, graduate or non-credit course.

Participants will visit the fairy-tale castle Neuschwanstein; the city of Oberammergau, famous for its passion plays and woodcarvers; the city of Salzburg, where "The Sound of Music" was filmed; Adolf Hitler's retreat at Kehlstein; a salt mine near Berchtesgaden; Innsbruck, the capital of the Habsburgs; the small country of Liechtenstein; Lauterbrunnen, a beautiful valley in Switzerland; Chateau de Chillon, immortalized in Byron's Poem, "The Prisoner of Chillon;" and the impressive Matterhorn rising above Zermatt.

For more information, contact Stan Sieber, professor of history and coordinator of travel studies, at 731-881-7467 or ssieber@utm.edu.

Ballroom dance offered at UTM

The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering a six-week ballroom dance class. Classes will be held from 7-8:15 p.m. on Mondays from Feb. 27 to April 10 at the Obion County Senior Citizens Center, located at 622 South Depot St. in Union City. There will be no class on March 13. The fee is $60 per person or $110 per couple. Fran and Richard Robinson will instruct the class.

The class is designed for participants to learn the basics of ballroom dancing. Dances covered include the swing, waltz, fox trot, tango and cha-cha-cha. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes, but no tennis shoes or rubber soles. A partner is not required.

Space is limited and advance registration is required. To register, call the ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082.

Honor Choir Saturday at UTM

High school students from across the state will participate in Honor Choir, a two-day event sponsored by the University of Tennessee Martin Department of Music.

Participants rehearse with UT Martin faculty and will perform a concert at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The concert is open to the public. Admission is $4 and $2 for students and seniors.

For more information, contact Mark Simmons, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, at (731) 881-7412 or marks@utm.edu.
ECCE offers a variety of online, non-degree courses. Online, non-degree courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas, supplementary links and more. Participants can complete any of the courses entirely from home or office and at any time of the day or night. To see a complete listing of online courses, visit the Online Instruction Center at http://www.utm.edu/department/cece/onlinecourses.php and click on Non-Credit Online Courses. For additional information on any of the non-degree, online courses, call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.
County residents enter WestStar 2006 class

Dave Hinman, Hollie Holt and David Moore, of Weakley County, are among 30 members of the 2006 WestStar class. Representing 15 counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences. Among this year’s class, there are chamber and economic development professionals, bankers, company chief executive officers, elected officials, city government personnel, business specialists and state employees.

Hinman is the general manager of WLJT-TV/DT. He is a board member for the Martin Rotary Club. He previously served as a member of the executive committee of the Indiana Chapter of Prevention of Child Abuse and as troop committee chairman and explorer advisor for Boys Scouts of America. He is the recipient of several media awards.

Hinman says that participating in WestStar will help him gain knowledge of the entire region and how communities can work together successfully to make West Tennessee a better place to live and work.

Holt is the coordinator of the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneur and Economic Development (REED) Center. She is involved in numerous community and state organizations, including the Weakley County Economic Development Board, is West Tennessee director of the Tennessee Industrial Development Council, and she participated in the Kentucky Institute for Economic Development. Also, she serves on the boards of the Northwest Tennessee Regional Working Group for the Tennessee Department of Transportation’s Long-Range Transportation Planning Board and the UT Martin Students in Free Enterprise Advisory Board. Other community activities include serving on the board of directors for the Martin Rotary Club, serving as a committee member of the Tennessee Soybean Festival and serving as a volunteer for West Tennessee United Way. Holt is a graduate of Leadership Weakley County.

“WestStar will help me learn more about West Tennessee’s resources and assets and what I can do to become a better leader in the community and the region,” said Holt.

Moore is Martin chief of police. He is a member of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, the Tennessee Public Safety Coalition and the FBI National Academy Alumni Association. Recently, he was appointed to the Tennessee Public Health Emergency Advisory Committee and was the recipient of the UT Martin Outstanding Achievement Award in 2001.

“WestStar will advance communications and cooperation among communities and agencies in West Tennessee in the realm of public safety for our citizens,” said Moore.

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Feb. 6 is deadline for travel-study trip

The University of Tennessee at Martin will conduct a travel-study program to Scotland, May 15-29. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 6. The daily activities will include travel to Glasgow, Oban, the Isle of Mull, the Isle of Skye (two days), Inverness in the north, St. Andrews/Dundee and Edinburgh. Participants will visit museums and castles, take ferry rides and also experience a trip on a steam-powered train. The plan is to have a base at several hotels and take excursions from them.

The cost of $3,000 includes all transportation, double-occupancy hotels, all admissions to planned activities and buffet breakfasts.

For more information, contact Anna Clark, instructor of English, at 881-7294 or aclark@utm.edu or Stan Sieber, professor of history and coordinator of travel studies, at 881-7467 or ssieber@utm.edu.
The University of Tennessee at Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education will sponsor a series of lectures focusing on Canada to highlight UT Martin’s new Canadian Studies minor.

To begin this series, Michael Flaherty, consul and trade commissioner, Consulate General of Canada in Atlanta, will speak from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Jan. 25, in the Norman Campbell Humanities Auditorium, to give his "Perspectives on the Canada-U.S. Relationship." The lecture is free and open to the public.

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Flaherty accepted his current post in Atlanta in August 2002. As the manager of the investment and corporate relations program, he works directly with U.S. companies to locate and expand their operations in Canada, as well as to promote Canada as a destination for investment.

He joined the Canadian Department of Industry in 1990 and held several senior positions with Canada’s Investment Promotion Agency.

Industry Canada’s Small Business Secretariat and the office of the Chief Information Officer. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1984.

Prior to joining Industry Canada, he spent six years on Parliament Hill in Ottawa as a political assistant to a member of parliament, the Minister of State for Small Business, the Minister of Agriculture, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of Canada.

WTWP workshop
Feb. 11, Bruceton
"Bookmarks, Character Resumes, and Letters: Teaching Reading in Literature Circles," will open the Feb. 11 workshop of the West Tennessee Writing Project at Central High School, 29590 Broad St., Bruceton.

The afternoon session is titled "Writing to Learn and Remember: First Steps To Writing Across the Curriculum."

For all K-12 teachers, the workshop starts at 8:30 and ends at 3:30 with an hour for lunch.

Beth Halbert, English teacher at Mount Juliet High School in Lebanon, will facilitate the 8:30 session where participants will experience ways of meeting and exceeding reading standards through the use of Literature Circles. In the afternoon session with Jane Robinson of Milan Elementary School, teachers will discover a variety of ideas and activities for using writing to learn in all content areas.

Both Halbert and Robinson are teacher consultants of the WTWP. Both sessions are applicable to all grade levels. They demonstrate classroom practices consistent with state standards, specific performance indicators and goals of differentiated instruction. Both sessions will include samples of student writing growing from these classroom practices. Participating teachers may earn points toward highly qualified status.

Registration is $45. To register, contact the University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE): ecce@utm.edu; 881-7082; or ECCE, 110 Gooch Hall, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238.

Events planned during Black History Month
The University of Tennessee at Martin sixth Civil Rights Conference will examine the impact of African-American leadership that shaped the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s in West Tennessee and the nation. The conference is slated for Feb. 20-25, during Black History Month.

The showing of two films also will mark Black History Month at UT Martin. The events are sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs, Harold Conner Scholars and the Black Student Association.

"Imitation of Life" (1959 version) will be shown Feb. 7 and "The Constant Gardener," Feb. 8. Both films begin at 7 p.m. in Duncan Ballroom of Boling University Center and are free and open to the public.

Finally, the Black Student Association will sponsor a blood drive from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 7-8, at Boling University Center.

For additional information about the films or blood drive, contact Teresa Woody, director, Office of Minority Affairs, at 587-7282 or twoody@utm.edu. For more information about the Civil Rights Conference, contact Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, chair of the UT Martin Civil Rights planning committee, at 881-7472 or acarls@utm.edu.

Alpine culture travel study slated for July
The University of Tennessee at Martin is offering a travel study to the Alpine countries. The trip is scheduled for July 10-24.

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Photoshop course available online through UT Martin

Are you ready to see a difference in your digital images?

Adobe’s Photoshop Elements provides the tools that photographers need for both quick fixes and sophisticated image manipulation. The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has a new online instructor-facilitated course, "Photoshop Elements 4.0 for the Digital Photographer," that will help users discover the secrets of this software package.

The course will be offered Feb. 15 to April 7; March 15 to May 5; and April 19 to June 9.

The cost is $85.

Dr. Beverly Schulz, an experienced digital photographer and Photoshop user, designed the course to provide a simplified introduction to this complicated, yet highly popular, program.

"I created the course for those who have no image-editing experience," said Schulz, who promises that the course will help each student go from novice to accomplished user. "Enjoyable lessons, fun assignments and practical exercises that lead to surprising results combine to provide my students a great feeling of accomplishment."

Schulz’s course can be taken online from the convenience of home or office at any time of the day or night.

For more information about the course, call UT Martin’s Office of ECCE at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7082 or visit the online instructor center at www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php and click "Non-Credit Online Courses."

Honor Choir concert slated
Jan. 28 at UT Martin

High school students from across the state will participate in Honor Choir, a two-day event sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music.

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For more information, contact Mark Simmons, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, at 731-881-7412 or mark@utm.edu.

Montage Concert Jan. 30

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music’s annual Montage Concert will be at 8 p.m., Jan. 30, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The concert has a fast-paced format that features a variety of performances by students and faculty. There will be performances by soloists, chamber groups and large ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public.

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UTM plans study trip to Scotland

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UT Martin host of teaching institute

The University of Tennessee at Martin will host the Third Annual Teaching Scholars Institute Feb. 3. The Teaching Scholars Institute (TSI) is a teaching and learning consortium created by the joint efforts of UT Martin, Murray State University, and Western Kentucky University.

The TSI is a faculty development project focused on the renewal of mid-career teaching faculty. TSI brings good teachers together to enhance their abilities in the classroom. This is accomplished in a workshop, which includes large and small group interaction and collaboration with colleagues on the development of a "Best Practices in Teaching Handbook." Additionally, the TSI is designed to encourage the institutions' most able teachers to engage in campus discussions of best teaching practices and participate in future faculty-to-faculty mentoring.

Annually, each consortium institution selects five to seven faculty to attend the institute. Representing UT Martin are five Teaching Scholars, one from each academic college: Gloria Browning (Agriculture and Applied Sciences), Dr. Anthony Harmon (Engineering and Natural Sciences), Dr. Alice-Catherine Cars (Humanities and Fine Arts), Dr. Otha Britton (Business and Public Affairs), and Dr. Brian Johnson (Education and Behavioral Sciences).

The institutes focus on different aspects of effective teaching and are based upon Chickering and Gamson's "Seven Principles for Good Practice in Undergraduate Education." The theme for the 2006 institute is "Using Active Learning Techniques."

Conference for Working Women slated

"The Balancing Act of Juggling Life's Many Roles" is the theme of the eighth annual Conference for Working Women, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 17, at the University of Tennessee at Martin Boling University Center.

Sponsored by the WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with the UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs and the Clayton McWhorter Foundation, the conference is designed to appeal to all working women in West Tennessee.

Guest speakers and their topics include the following:

- Meg Montgomery, Jackson Ladies' shoe boutique entrepreneur, "Tips to Building a Successful Business," 9:15-10 a.m.
- Laura Williams, attorney in the firm of Rainey Kizer, Reviere and Bell, PLC, Jackson, "Getting and Staying Prepared for the Future," 11-11:45 a.m.
- Julia Brundige, UT Martin instructor, "Building Winning Relationships," 12:15-1 p.m.
- Dr. W. Keith Williams, obstetrician/gynecologist at the Jackson Clinic, North, "The Management of Menopause and Decreased Libido," 1-1:45 p.m.

The conference will open with registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Leading the program will be Mary Kate Ridgeway, University of Tennessee Extension Service family and consumer science agent. Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor and WestStar executive director, will welcome conference participants.

Advance registration is required by Feb. 10. Registration fee is $35 per person or $60 for two people. Checks should be made payable to the University of Tennessee, WestStar. The fee includes a continental breakfast, the conference and lunch.

To register for the conference, e-mail Virginia Grimes at <vgrimes@utm.edu>.

Anyone registering by e-mail, should include name, business, if applicable, complete address, phone number and e-mail address. If registering for two people, make sure to include all information about both people.

Anyone with questions about the conference or registration process, may contact Grimes at (731) 881-7298.
UT Martin publicizes Fall Dean's List

The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2005 Dean's Lists for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Public Affairs, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for dean's list recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass/fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the dean's list with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

UT Martin is a comprehensive public university that maintains an excellent reputation for its high-quality undergraduate programs, its beautiful campus and caring professors.


From Gibson are Derrick R. Casey and Ashley M. Lynn.

From Medina are Justin B. Chapman, Gabrielle N. Toone, and Steven D. Torrance.

Bethel Springs
Rachel E. Dancer, High Honors
Jessica D. Kirk, Highest Honors
Ekaterina V. Marchenko, Highest Honors
Ross G. Moore, High Honors
Jessica R. Perrego, Honors
Rose M. Pittman, Highest Honors
Elizabeth E. Smith, Honors
Jared A. Walters, High Honors
Finger
Angela L. McMahan, Highest Honors
Summer R. Plunk, Honors
Guys
Amanda P. Evans, High Honors
Amanda B. Hamm, Highest Honors
Amber L. Hamm, Highest Honors
Joseph S. Hopper, High Honors
Daniel W. Teague, Honors
Michele
Patrick L. Fullwood, Highest Honors
Milledgeville
Clinton R. Smith, Highest Honors
Ramer
Eric D. Brown, Honors
Erin D. Brown, Honors
Brandon K. Ham, Highest Honors
Brittany H. Howard, Highest Honors
Michelle S. Jennings, Highest Honors
Allison R. McClain, Highest Honors
George D. Norton, Highest Honors
William G. Shelton, High Honors
Selmer
Brandy M. Adams, High Honors
Jeremy T. Berg, Highest Honors
Lora L. Dickey, Highest Honors
Jenny L. Drumright, Honors
Lacy J. Elam, Honors
Brian T. Ferguson, Honors
Sarah L. Forsyth, Honors
Marquita L. Gant, High Honors
Amanda L. Griffin, High Honors
Leilani K. Hansen, Highest Honors
Tiffany M. Holland, High Honors
John K. Hutcherson, Highest Honors
Alisha B. Kiddy, Honors
Belinda K. King, High Honors
Emily S. King, Honors
Megan P. King, High Honors
Meghan P. Kirk, Honors
Anthony L. Lambert, Highest Honors
Jennifer L. Mehr, Highest Honors
Heather L. Miller, Highest Honors
Laura B. Mills, Honors
Constance A. Murphy, Highest Honors
Danielle M. Oswalt, Honors
Brooke L. Pope, Honors
Heather D. Roland, Highest Honors
Megan E. Ward, Highest Honors
Stantonville
Charles A. Garrison, High Honors
Adam T. Killingsworth, High Honors

Digital photo class offered

MARTIN, Tenn. — The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education is offering the "Photoshop Elements 4.0 for the Digital Photographer" class for those seeking both quick fixes and sophisticated image manipulation.

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The course will be conducted in three time frames: Feb. 15-April 7; March 15-May 9 and April 19-June 9. Cost is $85.

Students will receive hands-on experience using Photoshop Elements for a variety of tasks, including detecting and correcting common photo flaws, retouching colors and lighting, changing the background of a photograph and adding text to a photograph.

For more information, phone 1-800-492-5199 or 731-981-7082.
McNairy County residents in WestStar 2006 class

Janna Hellums and Ben Horton, of McNairy County, are among 30 members of the 2006 WestStar class. Representing 15 counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences. Among this year's class, there are chamber and economic development professionals, bankers, company chief executive officers, elected officials, city government personnel, business specialists and state employees.

Hellums is executive director of the McNairy County Economic Development Commission and the Selmer/McNairy County Industrial Development Board. She is a member of the Selmer Rotary Club, Tennessee Industrial Development Association, International Council of Shopping Centers and Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives. She has served more than four years as corporate president and more than eight years as an alumnus chapter president of an international fraternal organization.

"Participating in WestStar will give me the knowledge, through this network of professionals, to learn methods to help my community reach its true potential and partner with other communities to strengthen West Tennessee's competitive advantage," said Hellums.

Horton is vice president of Regions Bank in Selmer. He is past president and a board member of the Selmer Rotary Club, is treasurer of the McNairy County Relay for Life Team and is a board member and past chairman of the board for McNairy County Developmental Services.

He says that participating in WestStar will help him build relationships and personal knowledge of how a region works to attain the same goals.

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Green Chemistry speaker at UT Martin, January 26

A Green Chemistry speaker from Clemson University, Dahlia Haynes, will discuss "The Renewable Resource Material, Polylactide, for Commodity Thermoplastic Applications," at 7 p.m., January 26, in room 317 of the Jesse E. Johnson Engineering and Physical Sciences Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The presentation is sponsored by the UT Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemistry Society (SACS).

PLAs (PLA) are biodegradable polymers that are synthesized in large scale using renewable resources. These materials are biodegradable linear polyesters produced by the fermentation of corn. Modifications of PLA were synthesized based upon their utilization in a variety of applications and their properties investigated. Incorporation of other materials can enhance the properties of PLA improving its properties for a variety of applications. The new polymer was prepared from L-lactide and PHA, which is produced through the bacterial fermentation of sugars and lipids.

For more information, contact Dr. S.K. Airee, professor of chemistry and SACS advisor, at 731-881-7454.
Leadership Weakley County 2006 class gets underway

On Thursday, January 12, 2006 the Leadership Class Introductory Dinner was held at the University of Tennessee at Martin. As the meeting started, Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor University of Tennessee at Martin, gave a welcome to those in attendance. This was followed by the invocation, which was given by Joe Brasher, president First State Bank Sharon.

Master of Ceremonies for the event was president of Thunderbolt Broadcasting, Mr. Paul Tinkle.

The speaker for the event was Community Development Assistant Commissioner Joe Barker.

During the gathering, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Virgin announced upcoming events and thanked everyone for coming.

Those in attendance, in addition to the 2006 Leadership Weakley County Class, included several Leadership Alumni members.

Weakley County Leadership Class 2006

Biographies of those taking part in the Leadership Weakley County Class of 2006, are featured below:

Bud Grimes Director of University Relations at University of Tennessee at Martin, responsible for the UTM university news, publications, advertising, portions of official UT Martin World Wide Web pages and photography. He records radio halftime interviews for the Skyhawk Sports Network and writes for the Campus Scene and the Tennessee Alumnus magazines.

Bud's community activities include: Martin First Methodist Church as adult Sunday school teacher; West Tennessee Public Television Council, Inc. Board President; Tennessee College Public Relations Association member; former Treasurer, Vice President, and the President of the Tennessee Soybean Festival organization as publicity volunteer, Martin Parks & Recreation volunteer assistant; and Head coach for recreational youth baseball and basketball. Bud has a positive outlook for Weakley County and hopes to become better prepared to hold leadership roles to assist the county as it moves forward.

Jason Law, a loan officer at First State Bank in Dresden, resides in Sharon. Jason uses his leadership skills in areas of finance to form a strong customer base and relationship. Jason’s duties allow him to interact with customers on a personal and business level. He is a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and actively served as a Community Service Chair for fundraising projects. Jason is a member of the Dresden Rotary, Dresden Business Association, and Iris Festival participant. He also was a coordinator for the Ms. Greek Pageant at UT Martin. Jason says he believes that the challenge for Weakley County is “trying to get more people to shop and spend their money locally. Without this, our small town stores will eventually leave. Going out of business will hurt the community and it’s people.” He thinks public awareness through advertising and communication should strengthen the need “to give back to Weakley County.”

John Liggett, a loan review officer at First State Bank’s corporate office, is responsible for the review and risk assessment of First State Bank’s loan portfolio, while also ensuring that acceptable credit standards are maintained. After graduating from Greenfield High School, he attended UTM, where he received a bachelor’s degree and a master of business administration degree. John is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Greenfield and volunteers his time to coach several youth sports teams in the community. He tries to emphasize the importance of team participation, dedication, and “working hard to accomplish goals.” John is concerned for the community’s educational training, drugs issues, and employment opportunities, but believes that “Weakley County is strong in several areas, particularly its people.”

Several of those present at the Leadership Weakley County Class of 2006 Introductory Dinner included (L to R): Scott Robbins, Administrative Captain for the City of Martin Police Department; Doug Obetz D.C., P.C. Chiropractic Physician/President; John Liggett, Loan Review officer at First State Bank’s corporate office; Dr. Phil Young Phd, CFA UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs; Joe Barker, Community Development Assistant Commissioner; Bud Grimes, Director of University Relations at UT Martin; Nick Dunagan Chancellor University of Tennessee at Martin; Anita Rae, Respiratory Care Manager at the Martin Volunteer Community Hospital; David Sudberry, local manager of Frontier Communications in Martin; Dylan Danah, City of Dresden Utility Accounts Manager; Jason Law, Loan officer First State Bank Dresden; Jennifer Slack, Personal Banking Officer at Reelfoot Bank in Martin; and not pictured, Gretchen Rozeboom Agriculture teacher Westview High School.
Doug Obeetz, D.C., P.C., chiropractic physician/president is successfully practicing and making his home in Dresden. His responsibilities include managing his business, treating patients and their many needs. Doug actively volunteers for community services and events. His accomplishments include President-elect of the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce, attending the Economic Community Development Conferences, seminars and leadership training sessions. Doug actively serves on the Executive, Budget and Finance, Membership, Education Foundation, Business and Economic Development committees at the Chamber. He is a diplomate of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians. Doug is a local volunteer assisting the injured athletes at the Dresden school’s sporting events. His community concerns are lack of local industrial availability and workforce training issues. He will utilize his leadership training, “to better understand the county’s needs and make it a better place to live.”

Dyan Panah resides in Weakley County and is a utility accounts manager for Frontier. Her responsibilities are billing customers for utilities, businesses license, and property taxes. She makes billing adjustments for water leaks and tax relief. Dyan balances cash receipts daily, makes computer entries for newcomers, and data processes bank drafts. She is active in community and church organizations. Dyan is a member of the Fuller Street Baptist Church, where she enjoys participating and meeting newcomers, and music. She is currently active in the local Democratic women organization and feels everyone should be treated equally, “I hope to be a better person and leader.”

Anita Rea is a respiratory care manager at the Volunteer Community Hospital in Martin. Her responsibilities involve daily management of the cardiopulmonary services and assist in basic life support and CPR training. Anita’s community interests include: serving as a Pleasant Hill Church Sunday school teacher, Rodeo Booster Club volunteer, assisting the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, and VCH marketing concerns. She was 2004 and 2005 Clinical Manager of the Year at Volunteer Community Hospital. As a mother, she wants her son to have job opportunities here at home. Anita wants to learn more about economic development in Weakley County, and to use her knowledge to support and make Weakley County grow.

Scott Robbins serves as administrative captain for the city of Martin Police Department. He is the supervisor of communications, records, information systems, school resource officers, grants, and community policies. Scott is an active member of the City’s Police Academy Alumni Association in Martin, and serves as a model for his peers. He is a member of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Officer Association, and FBI National Academy Alumni Association. Scott received special honors in leadership participation in the FBI National Academy. He is concerned for the economic status in Weakley County and has positive opinions regarding the education system, our highways and the low crime rate.

Gretchen Rozeboom teaches Agriculture Education at Martin Westview High School. Classes taught are Agriculture Science, Advanced Principles of Agriculture, Agri. Mechanic, Turf Field & Greenhouse Management, Landscape Management, Livestock Management, and Leadership Development. Her community achievements include: Westview FAA advisor for all activities, Obion Co. H-Program agriculture agent, Tennessee Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, and American Simmental Association as an active committee member. Gretchen’s most important accomplishment is to serve as a positive role model for youth and set a moral example for them. She hopes to gain further insight into other areas of development in the community.

Heather Slack, a personal banking officer at Reelfoot Bank, is responsible for opening new accounts, making loans and servicing existing accounts. Jennifer graduated from Westview High School in 1999, and from UTM with a degree in Management in 2003. While attending UTM, she was a member of the OATT sorority. Jennifer’s community volunteer activities include Meals on Wheels and the annual Soybean and Pontotoc Festivals. “The biggest challenge for Weakley County is creating new business and jobs,” she said. Jennifer says that she feels Weakley County has strengths in community togetherness, safety, and small town appeal. “Let’s keep our young people in Weakley County to raise families and give back to our community,” she added.

David Sudberry directs daily operations of telecommunications services as local manager of Frontier Communications. He establishes service, measure, and manages local budgeting and supervises employees. David dedicated many hours of his time volunteering as President, Lieutenant Governor of the local Kiwanis Club, United Way Fund Distributing Past Chairman. He teaches Sunday school at Central Baptist Church. He was awarded Kiwanis Life Membership and the George F. Hixon Fellowship Award. “I want to gain a broader understanding of how the county works economically,” Sudberry said. “Areas of concentration for critical issues in Weakley County are aging population and the need to attract jobs, revenue and growth.”

Phil Young PhD, CFA, resides in Weakley County and is employed at UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs as the Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise. He promotes economic, financial and literary education in Tennessee, and serves as a liaison with the College of Education to accomplish this mission. He teaches Finance and Economics and supports the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center. Phil is an active member of local community organizations as: Martin Rotary Club past president, member of Martin First Methodist Church, and BPO Elks fundraising project judge. He serves on the Board of Directors, Reviewer, Discussion and Session chair for the Southwestern Finance Association and attends CFA Institute local society meetings, and participates in exam grading. Phil’s outstanding special honors for leadership and academic achievement will give him insight and abilities to challenge issues, help promote economic development and participate in initiatives for advancing the quality of life in Weakley County.

**Canadian consul/trade commissioner to speak January 25 at UT Martin**

The University of Tennessee at Martin Center for Global Studies and International Education will sponsor a series of lectures focusing on Canada to highlight UT Martin’s new Canadian Studies minor.

To begin this series, Michael Flaherty, consul and trade commissioner, Consulate General of Canada in Atlanta, will speak from 4:30-5:30 p.m., January 25, in the Norman Campbell Humanities Auditorium, to give his “Perspectives on the Canadian-U.S. Relationship.” The lecture is free and open to the public.

“Canada is the United States’ and Tennessee’s most important trading partner and the volume of trade between Canada and the U.S. promises to keep expanding in the years ahead, under the NAFTA umbrella,” said Dr. Paul Capero, director, Center for Global Studies and International Education. “As trade commissioner, Mr. Flaherty is in an excellent position to reflect on our economic relationship with Canada and to discuss areas of vital interest to both countries, such as energy, agriculture and natural resources.”

Flaherty accepted his current post in Atlanta in August 2002. As the manager of the investment and corporate relations program, he works directly with U.S. companies to locate and expand their operations in Canada, as well as to promote Canada as a destination for investment.

He joined the Canadian Department of Industry in 1990 and held several senior positions with Canada’s Investment Promotion Agency, Industry Canada’s Small Business Secretariat and the office of the Chief Information Officer. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1984.

Prior to joining Industry Canada, he spent six years on Parliament Hill in Ottawa as a political assistant to a member of parliament, the Minister of State for Small Business, the Minister of Agriculture, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of Canada.
Weakley County residents in WestStar 2006 class

Dave Himman, Hollie Holt and David Moore, of Weakley County, are among 30 members of the 2006 WestStar class. Representing 15 counties in the 21-county region, class members have a diverse range of occupations and volunteer leadership experiences. Among this year’s class, there are chamber and economic development professionals, bankers, company chief executive officers, elected officials, city government personnel, business specialists and state employees.

Himman is the general manager of WLJT-TV/DT. He is a board member for the Martin Rotary Club. He previously served as a member of the executive committee of the Indiana Chapter of Prevention of Child Abuse and is a troop committee chairman and explorer advisor for Boys Scouts of America. He is the recipient of several media awards.

Himman says that participating in WestStar will help him gain knowledge of the entire region and how communities can work together successfully to make West Tennessee a better place to live and work.

Holt is the coordinator of the University of Tennessee at Martin Regional Entrepreneur and Economic Development (REED) Center. She is involved in numerous community and state organizations, including the Weakley County Economic Development Board, is West Tennessee director of the Tennessee Industrial Development Council and she participated in the Kentucky Institute for Economic Development. Also, she serves on the boards of the Northwest Tennessee Regional Working Group for the Tennessee Department of Transportation’s Long-Range Transportation Planning Board and the UT Martin Students in Free Enterprise Advisory Board. Other community activities include serving on the board of directors for the Martin Rotary Club, serving as a committee member of the Tennessee Soybean Festival and serving as a volunteer for West Tennessee United Way. Holt is a graduate of Leadership Weakley County.

“WestStar will help me learn more about West Tennessee’s resources and assets and what I can do to become a better leader in the community and the region,” said Holt.

Moore is Martin chief of police. He is a member of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, the Tennessee Public Safety Coalition and the FBI National Academy Alumni Association. Recently, he was appointed to the Tennessee Public Health Emergency Advisory Committee and was the recipient of the UT Martin Outstanding Achievement Award in 2001.

“WestStar will advance communications and cooperation among communities and agencies in West Tennessee in the realm of public safety for our citizens,” said Moore.

In its 17th year, UT Martin’s WestStar program provides leadership development and training for selected participants. The program identifies and educates people to assume leadership responsibilities in the economic and social development of West Tennessee. Class members participate in a series of seminars designed to provide information and training on major issues facing West Tennessee. Seminars feature different speakers who focus on subjects that go hand-in-hand with leadership and community progress such as education, health care, community and resource development and leadership skills.

WestStar graduates already hold key leadership positions throughout the state in every West Tennessee county. Dr. Nick Dunagan, chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Martin, serves as executive director of the program.

UT Martin Financial Aid office sponsors FAFSA nights

The Office of Student Financial Assistance at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor three sessions in February on how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The sessions are scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. They will be held February 20, at the UT Martin Technology Center in Ripley; February 21, at McNairy Central High School; and February 23, in Room 230AB, Boiling University Center, UT Martin.

The workshop will provide assistance to fill out the FAFSA form online, answers to financial aid questions and information regarding the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship. Participants need to take completed 2005 tax returns for both the student and parents, W2 forms from 2005 for both the student and parents and, if available, their Personal Identification Number (PIN) for electronic signature. To apply for a PIN, go to www.pin.ed.gov.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance at (731) 881-7040.
Photoshop Elements 4.0 for the Digital Photographer to be offered

Are you ready to see a difference in your digital images? Adobe’s Photoshop Elements provides all the tools that photographers need for both quick fixes and sophisticated image manipulation. The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education has a new online instructor-facilitated course, “Photoshop Elements 4.0 for the Digital Photographer,” that will help you discover the secrets of this software package.

The course will be offered February 15-April 7; March 15-May 5; April 19-June 9. The cost is $85. Dr. Beverly Schulz, an experienced digital photographer and Photoshop user, designed the course to provide a simplified introduction to this complicated, yet highly popular, program. “I created the course for those who have some image-editing experience,” said Schulz, who promises that the course will help each student go from novice to accomplished user. “Enjoyable lessons, fun assignments and practical exercises that lead to surprising results combine to provide my students a great feeling of accomplishment.”

Schulz’s students get hands-on experience using Photoshop Elements for a variety of tasks, including detecting and correcting common photo flaws, retouching colors and lighting to add visual appeal, changing the background of a photo, removing undesirable elements and adding text to a photo.

Schulz’s course, “Photoshop Elements 4.0 for the Digital Photographer,” can be taken online from the convenience of your home or office at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course, part of a growing catalog of instructor-facilitated online courses, contact UT Martin’s Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education at 1-800-482-5199 or 731-881-7082. Visit the online instructor center at www.utmem.edu/departments/ccce/onlinecourses.php and click Non-Credit Online Courses.

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Consultant returns with advice Feb. 9

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC), will return to the Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center (REED) from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Feb. 9. He will offer services to local businesses and prospective entrepreneurs.

This is an opportunity for existing business owners to get advice on marketing, customer service or cash flow issues. Budding entrepreneurs may receive advice on developing a business plan, marketing and record keeping.

Acree is knowledgeable about state and national resources that are available for businesses.

Acree will be available the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., but the REED Center offers consulting by appointment any time, any day.

Annual Montage concert is Jan. 30

The University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music’s annual Montage Concert will be at 8 p.m., Jan. 30, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building. The concert has a fast-paced format that features a variety of performances by students and faculty. There will be performances by soloists, chamber groups and large ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Mark Simmons, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, at 881-7412 or marks@utm.edu.

Green Chemistry speaker will be at UT Martin tonight

A Green Chemistry speaker from Clemson University, Dahlia Haynes, will discuss "The Renewable Resource Material, Polylactide, for Commodity Thermoplastic Applications," at 7 p.m., tonight in Room 317 of the Joseph E. Johnson Engineering and Physical Sciences Building at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The presentation is sponsored by the UT Martin Student Affiliates of the American Chemistry Society (SAACS).

Polylactides (PLA) are biodegradable polymers that are synthesized in large scale using renewable resources. These materials are biodegradable linear polymers produced by the fermentation of corn. Modifications of PLA were synthesized based upon their utilization in a variety of applications and their properties investigated. Incorporation of other materials can enhance the properties of PLA improving its properties for a variety of applications. The new polymer was prepared from D-lactide and PHA which is produced through the bacterial fermentation of sugars and lipids.

For more information, contact Dr. S.K. Airee, professor of chemistry and SAACS adviser, at 881-7454.

UT Martin foreign film series kicks off

The Department of Modern Foreign Languages at the University of Tennessee at Martin will kick off its foreign film series at 7 p.m., Jan. 27, at Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center on campus. “Dreams,” a 1990 Japanese film, will be shown.

This showing consists of eight short films based on actual dreams of director Akira Kurosawa. The dreams address such concerns as the futility of war, the perils of nuclear power and humankind's need to live in harmony with the natural environment. The styles of the short films vary from peaceful and pastoral to the abstract and surreal.

“Dreams” was produced with assistance from directors George Lucas and Steven Spielberg. Martin, Scorsese appears in one sequence as painter Vincent Van Gogh. Instructor Kyoko Hammond, instructor of Japanese, will introduce the film.

The series is funded by the UT Martin College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the Student Activities Council. All films are free and open to the public.

High school honor choir concert set

High school students from across the state will participate in Honor Choir, a two-day event sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin Department of Music. Participants rehearse with UT Martin faculty and perform a concert at 2 p.m., Jan. 28, in the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building. The concert is open to the public. Admission is $4 and $2 for students and seniors.

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Clardy to deliver inaugural sermon

Dr. Brian K. Clardy of South Fulton will deliver his Inaugural Sermon at Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church at the 11 a.m. service, Feb. 12. The Rev. Hilda Taylor is the senior pastor.

Clardy holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a master of public administration degree from Murray State University. He also holds a doctor of philosophy in historical studies degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

He attended Chicago Theological Seminary and enrolled in the Ministers in Training Program at Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC). For the last three years, Clardy has preached in pulpit throughout Chicago and Oak Park, Ill., Hammond, Ind., and South Fulton.

Clardy lived in the Chicago area for seven years and was a tenured professor of history and political science at Triton College in River Grove, Ill. There, he authored the book "The Management of Dissent." He has lectured extensively throughout the United States and also presented his foreign policy research to the 2004 Oxford Round Table on U.S./European relations. And for two years, he was an auxiliary organizer for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

As a regular columnist for Chicago's "Chicago News " and a political journalist, Clardy was among the first political journalists to cover the senatorial campaign of his fellow TUCC church member Barack Obama.

Clardy was a member of the Jazz Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

Clardy is currently serving as an assistant professor of history at Murray State University where he teaches world civilization, world religions, American politics and American foreign policy.

He is the son of Mrs. Ginger Clardy of South Fulton and Dr. George Clardy of Clarksville.

UT Martin plans travel study in Scotland

The University of Tennessee Martin will conduct a travel-study program, May 15-29, to Scotland. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 6. Travel to Glasgow, Oban, the Isle of Mull, the Isle of Skye (two days), Inverness in the north, St. Andrews/Dundee and Edinburgh. Visit museums and castles, take ferry rides and a trip on a steam-powered train. The plan is to have a base at several hotels and take excursions from them.

The cost of $3,000 includes all transportation, double-occupancy hotels, all admissions to planned activities and buffet breakfasts. For more information, call Anna Clark, instructor of English, at 881-7294, or e-mail aclark@utm.edu, or call Stan Sieber, professor of history and coordinator of travel studies, at 881-7467, or send an e-mail to ssieber@utm.edu.

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The Scoop

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For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance at (731) 881-7040.

2006 Honor Band Symposium at UTM

The University of Tennessee Martin will host the 2006 Honor Band Symposium Thursday through Feb. 6.

The symposium will be composed of 7th- to 12th-grade band students. Concerts will be at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday at the Harriet Fulton Theatre of the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

They are free and open to the public.

Working women’s conference set for February at UT Martin

"The Balancing Act of Juggling Life’s Many Roles" is the theme of the eighth annual Conference for Working Women to be held Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Boling University Center.

Sponsored by the WestStar Leadership Program in partnership with the UT Martin College of Business and Public Affairs and the Clayton McWhorter Foundation, the conference is designed to appeal to all working women in West Tennessee — whether they are an assistant, an executive, in management, an elected official or the CEO of a company.

Guest speakers and their topics will include:

- Laura Williams, attorney in the firm of Rainey, Kizer, Reviere and Bell, PLC, Jackson, "Getting and Staying Prepared for the Future," 11-11:45 a.m.;
- Julia Brundige, UT Martin instructor, "Building Winning Relationships," 12:15-1 p.m.;
- Dr. W. Keith Williams, obstetrician/gynecologist at the Jackson Clinic, North, "The Management of Menopause and Decreased Libido," 1-1:45 p.m.

The conference will open with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Leading the program will be Mary Kate Ridgeway, University of Tennessee Extension Service family and consumer science agent. Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor and WestStar executive director, will welcome conference participants.

Advance registration is required by Feb. 10. Registration fee is $35 per person or $60 for two people. Checks should be made payable to the University of Tennessee, WestStar. The fee includes a continental breakfast, the conference and lunch.

To register for the conference, e-mail Virginia Grimes at <vgrimes@utm.edu>. Anyone registering by e-mail should include their name, business (if applicable), complete address, phone number and e-mail address. If registering for two people, include all information about both of them.

Anyone with questions about the conference or the registration process may contact Ms. Grimes at (731) 881-7298.
Col. John C. "Chuck" Harrison, of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., recently was inducted into the University of Tennessee at Martin ROTC Hall of Fame.

"Colonel Chuck Harrison has truly represented the UT Martin ROTC program well. He embodies what a military officer/cadet is supposed to be: a scholar, athlete and leader," said Lt. Col. Janet Kirkton, UT Martin professor of military science. "As a leader, he has served in the Tennessee National Guard, Korea, Mogadishu and Albania. He is a Silver Star recipient and an American hometown hero. We are extremely proud of his continuing accomplishments. He is currently serving as Division Chief, Maritime and Rotary Wing Assessments, United States Special Operations Command." She added, "I am sure we will continue to hear great things about Col. Harrison for many years to come."

Harrison earned a bachelor of science degree in history from UT Martin in 1984. He served in and was commissioned as an armor officer in the Tennessee National Guard while attending UT Martin. He served as an armor crewman and armor platoon leader in 4-109th Armor Battalion for four years. After graduating from college, he went on active duty and attended Airborne, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Aviator Training and the AH-1 Cobra Qualification Course. He then served in Korea with D Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry as aeroweapons section leader and scout platoon leader.

After attending the Aviation Officer's Advance Course, Harrison moved to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as S2 and Bravo troop commander in 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry. In 1990, he volunteered and was selected to serve with the 1/160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Ky. He served as flight operations officer, platoon leader in Bravo Company and as S3 operations officer until departing in June 1994.

Harrison then attended Naval Postgraduate School, where he earned a master of arts degree in national security affairs. After graduation, he departed for Command and General Staff College in December 1995 and was assigned as an aviation observer controller for the Battle Command Training Program. In June 1997, Harrison returned to Fort Hood, where he served for two years as the XO of the U.S. Army's first AH-64D Longbow Attack Helicopter Battalion. Next, he went to Tirana, Albania, in May, 1999, during the Kosovo conflict and served as a tactical air planner for the V Corps Deep Operations Coordination Cell. Returning to Fort Hood in July 1999, he served as S3 and XO of 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division until assuming command of 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry at Camp Humphreys, Korea in 2000.

After command, he served as the senior aviation observer controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La. He attended Senior Service College as a Harvard Fellow in the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass., from July 2003 until June 2004.

Harrison is rated in the OH-58 A&c, AH-1, AH-64 A&D, and AH/MH-6 helicopters. His awards and decorations include: Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, MSM with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, ARCOM, AAM with one oak leaf cluster, Master Army Aviator Badge and Parachutist Badge.

He is married to the former Tracey Hill of Enterprise, Ala., and they have one son, Patrick, who recently graduated from Austin Peay State University and resides in Clarksville.
Hall directors serve as state housing officer, rep.  

Two University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Housing staff members continue to serve with the Tennessee Association of College and University Housing Officers (TACUHO). Jimmy Hubbard, director of Browning Hall, was selected as president-elect of the organization, and Terry Duncan, director of Ellington Hall, was reelected as the West Tennessee area representative.

Hubbard, a native of McKenzie, began working at UT Martin in 2001 after leaving his position as Bethel College associate dean of students, director of career development and residential director. He received a bachelor’s degree at Lambuth University and a master’s degree at Bethel College. He has received recognition for his efforts in diversity awareness on the UT Martin campus as well as for his assistance with the Tennessee Institute for Pre-Law (TIP) program. He also serves on the Disciplinary Appeals Committee at UT Martin.

Duncan, a native of Lavinia, has been with the UT Martin Office of Housing since July 2003. He has received recognition for his support and involvement with the Young Scholars Academy and the Harold Conner Scholars program on the UT Martin campus. He received a bachelor’s degree in organizational communication with a minor in youth agency administration from Murray State University and a master’s degree in higher education with emphasis in student affairs administration from Loyola University Chicago. He is currently enrolled in the master of science in education program at UT Martin with a major in teaching for initial licensure for elementary education.

Munkel succeeds his father as manager of dining services

Chris Munkel, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America-Hyde Park and an employee of Sodexo since 1997, recently was named University of Tennessee at Martin manager of dining services, succeeding his father, Mike Munkel, who was manager for 14 years. The elder Munkel died in October.

“Chris is a very talented chef and in 2003, took third place in the National Culinary Cooking Challenge, sponsored by the National Association of College and University Food Services, (NACUFS),” said Rich Katzman, Sodexo district manager.

“I would like everyone to know that I am not here to ‘fill my father’s shoes,’” said Munkel. “UT Martin and the Martin community knew Mike Munkel for 14 years. I knew him my whole life. Knowing him that long, especially as your father, makes you realize you can never fill the shoes of a man that great. I will promise to always do my best to meet the expectations of the UT Martin students, faculty and staff while using my expertise to bring innovative ideas and keep UT Martin at the pinnacle of dining services programs.”

He added, “With that, I will use what my father has taught me to, hopefully, make a fraction of the impact Mike Munkel made on, what I am now proud to call my home, Martin.”

Munkel, who also has served as a Sodexo certified trainer, received his degree in culinary arts in 1993. He has served as executive chef at Arkansas State University, Georgia Tech University, Georgia State University, Carthage College and most recently, as regional executive chef responsible for culinary development within the Sodexo Campus Services Division.

Prior to attending the C.I.A., Munkel worked for Sodexo in the 1980s as an hourly team member. Before returning to Sodexo in 1997, he worked at several four- and five-star restaurants, including La Vielle Maison in Boca Raton, Fla., Stone Hill Inn in Hackensack, N.J., The Coach House in Lexington; and the Regatta in Cotuit, Mass.

“Sometimes in life you are lucky enough to end up in a place that embraces you and gives you more love than you could ever give back. That place for me is Martin. I am lucky to be part of this community.”
Looking for the perfect pitch

SECOND CAREER — Getting the training and developing skills as a piano tuner came late in life for the Rev. Elwood Doss of Martin, formerly of Union City. His career field was church music and the ministry. He became interested in the fine art of tuning pianos when he graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He said he watched Bob Lassiter of Union City tune a piano and thought, "That's fascinating." He attended night school for a year and later took and passed a series of examinations to become nationally certified as a piano tuner. At the UTM Department of Music where he is piano tuner/technician, he keeps 38 pianos tuned for the numerous recitals each year. "When I tune a piano, I'm not tuning by pitches, I'm tuning by intervals. Because of that, I don't have to have extremely good hearing," he said.
A piano out of tune.
The Rev. Elwood Doss Jr. of Martin could be in a
church pew or on a street corner, and he'd know
one right away.

Just hearing it momentarily derails his train of
thought. And he's moved to do something about it.

"I have to resist the urge to go to my truck and
get my tools and come back and fix it," he said.

That Doss would so react reflects the craftsman,
the healer of discordant pianos, in him. (He
doesn't do organs.) But behind the eyes of the
1966 graduate of Obion County Central High
School there is more, much more that defines who
and what he is.

His is an unusual mix of roles. Besides being a
piano tuner, he is an ordained Baptist minister, a
music minister, a teacher, a grower of grapes and
a mixer and maker of less-than-mild barbecue
sausage. He also has about 35 years experience as
husband and father.

He has special feelings about applying the heal-
ing touch to a wayward piano. He asserts that
when a piano technician tunes a piano, it's analo-
igious to what God does in the life of a believer.

"A piano technician begins with a piano that's
way out of tune, that's flat, out of tune with itself,
that sounds bad to others," he said. "He makes it,
pulls it to the right pitch, tunes it to the targeted
chord where it sounds nice and sweet, then tun-
es the whole piano to that temperament octave.
That is the 'F' below Middle 'C' to the 'F' above
Middle 'C'.

"Instead of making your music, suddenly it is
making beautiful sweet music."

And yes, he does it by ear. Some technicians use
electronic tuning devices, but not him. "But I do
give in to using a little electronic instrument that
gives me the starting pitch," he said. "But once I
get that pitch established, I tune the rest of it by
ear.

And he has plenty to keep him busy at the
University of Tennessee at Martin, where his
official title is piano technician and technical
director in the Department of Music. He teaches
three church music courses, a music appreciation
course as needed and a two-semester piano techni-
cian course.

He has been a staff member since 2002.

"At UTM we have 39 pianos in the Fine Arts
Building," he said. "We have 14 grand pianos
and 24 studio uprights. We have 50 to 60 recitals
a year. The pianos are used in the concerts, and
I tune all of them. Every piano in the building is
tuned at least twice a year. All the faculty pianos
are tuned four times a year."

Native son

Doss, 37, son of the late Mabel and Elwood
Doss Sr., said he grew up on a 39-acre farm
between Union City and Fulton. He attended
South Fulton schools until his sophomore year,
when the family moved close to Union City and
he enrolled at OCCHS. "Those were the days
when Obion Central was still new. Those who
graduated with me in 1966 had started as freshmen.
Ours was the first year class to come out of the new school," he said.

Career field

Doss said he was called to be a minister of
music, "a full time church music vocation," when
he was 17. He enrolled at UTM and graduated in
1970 with a degree in music education. For almost
three years he was part-time minister of music
at First Baptist Church in Troy, after which he
moved with his wife, Carolyn, to Missouri, where
she had found a job teaching school.

"I started teaching in the same school where
she taught. I taught high school band and choir
in Parma, Mo., and I was minister of music at
First Baptist Church in Parma," he said. "Then
I was music director at First Baptist Church in
Portageville. In 1973 went to First Baptist Church
in Cape Girardeau as minister of music and youth.
That was my first full time church position."

While teaching public school in the Bootheel
area of Missouri, he earned a master's degree
in music education at Southeast Missouri State
University.

Music ministry

In his time Doss has served as full time minis-
ter of music 30 years — 18 years at First Baptist
Church in Martin, 10 years at First Baptist Church
in Cape Girardeau and two years at First Baptist
Church in Fulton.

He is now minister of music at Pleasant Hill
Baptist Church No. 1 near Martin.

"My first love is church music and serving
the Lord through music," said Doss, who was
ordained a Baptist minister in 1978 in Cape
Girardeau, Mo.

"The thing that attracted me to UTM was the
opportunity to teach church music courses. That's
something I'll do 'til I die. That's my lifetime
calling."

He tunes pianos for UTM and for the public,
too, but his real thrill comes when tuning one for
a church.

"To me, singing praises to God is one of the best
ways of worshipping. A well-tuned instrument
that's played well in accompanying that praise is
really a wonderful thing," he said.

"So when I'm tuning a piano for a church,
I'm thinking about the fact that next Sunday
the congregation will be listening to and singing
with a piano that's as well in tune as I can get it.
And they'll be praising God with a piano that's well
tuned."

Family

Doss is married to the former Carolyn Sims of
Mason Hall. Her brother, W.T. Sims, was manager
of Yorkville Telephone Company several years.
She is a graduate of Bethel College in McKenzie,
where she majored in piano. She is a music spe-
cialist at Martin Primary School and teaches pri-
ivate piano lessons, too.

"I grew up playing just about anything except
old honky-tonk music," she said. "It's interesting,
living with him. He can tune our pianos. We have
two here in the house."
They met when they were members of a music trio formed by her cousin. Doss recalls that the first time he saw her, she was playing the piano. He describes her as “a beautiful young lady.”

“I said to myself, ‘Hey, I may enjoy this trio!’” he said.

He was enamored of her a long time but was shy. Finally, he found courage to ask her for a date. He called her, popped the question, so to speak, and was surprised and delighted that she said yes. And they went from there. “We made it a duet, a permanent duet,” he said.

The Dosses have three children — two boys, Charles Edward “Chuck” Doss, 33, of Union City, and Daniel, 27, of Clarksville; and a girl, Deborah, 31, of Union City.

**Tune-ups**

“I had wanted to learn how to tune pianos when I graduated from college,” Doss said. “I’d seen the way Bob Lassiter of Union City did it and I thought, ‘That’s fascinating.’

When he and his family moved to Martin, he achieved his dream, but not without some long hours and hard work. In 1990, he took a piano tuning course, and has been at it ever since.

He is a registered piano technician with the Piano Technicians Guild of Kansas City, Kan. “To get that recognition, I had to take eight hours of exams on tuning, repair work, grand piano regulation and upright piano regulation,” he said.

How long does it take for him to tune a piano? Depends on how bad out of tune it is. He can rough-tune it or fine-tune it. “In rough-tune, I pull it up to pitch but it’s still not in tune with itself,” he said. “Fine tuning is where it’s in tune with itself. Rough tune, 30 to 40 minutes. Fine tune, and hour and 15 minutes.”

**Some tips**

Doss offers these tips:

* Have your piano tuned at least once a year. If you wait longer than that, it may go way out of tune.

* Churches are encouraged to have their pianos tuned twice a year.

* You can move a piano and not affect its tuning if the moving is done by those who know what they’re doing.

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PERMANENT DUO — The former Carolyn Sims of Mason Hall and Union City native Elwood Doss met when they were members of a music trio. On May 29, 1970, they became, in Doss’ words, a permanent duo,” in a wedding ceremony at Mason Hall Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A 1962 graduate of Mason Hall High School and a 1966 graduate of Bethel College at McKenzie, she teaches private piano lessons at their home in Martin. A 1966 graduate of Obion County Central High School and a 1970 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, Doss is also an ordained Baptist minister.

* You can play a piano, but unless it’s played hard, it won’t go much out of tune.

* Has your piano suddenly gone flat? Humidity might be the culprit.

“I tell churches, ‘Please have the temperature in the worship center and the sanctuary the same as it will be when you worship,’” Doss said. “The reason is, when you turn the heat off or the air conditioning off and the temperature rises or falls, the humidity will change and the piano will go out of tune. When you turn the heat or air system back on, the piano should come back in tune.

“Between summer and winter, there’s a fluctuation of between 75 percent and 25 percent. And that’ll really pull a piano out of tune.”
Grapes, cows and biscuits

To say Carolyn and Elwood Doss have a variety of interests would be an understatement. But they do.

In addition to his being an ordained Baptist minister and a university teacher and a tuner of grand and upright pianos, he raises grapes and corn-fed Jersey beef cows on their 25-acre place in the sun near Martin. He is also minister of music at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church No. 1 near Martin.

In addition to her being a housewife and mother of two sons and a daughter, she also teaches private piano lessons at home.

She is also a maker of grape juice, part of which is used at church for communion services.

"We’ve been growing grapes 22 years," Doss said. "We have 10 vines of red grapes and two vines of white grapes on a little rental property next door. The key to raising grapes is to be sure to prune them in January or February, cut them back to where you think they’ll die. You’ll have a good crop of grapes.

"As they ripen, we pick them, and Carolyn makes the grape juice. She makes nine to 15 gallons a year."

And that’s not all this prolific couple produces. Ponder, please, the fact that little bottles in their kitchen that at first glance look like the famous Tabasco sauce are in reality “Elwood’s Blazin’ Hot Sauce.”

"It’s best on pulled barbecue," Doss said.

It’s also hot... very hot.

"I also raise corn-fed Jersey beef. I’ve got four steers and two yearling calves," Doss said. "God has been good to us. He blessed us with three children and He blessed me with the finest lady in the world as my helpmeet and wife."

And did we tell you? Doss has one other iron in the fire. He makes biscuits from scratch, the way his daddy taught him.

HANDY TOOLS — In his line of work — he tunes pianos — the Rev. Elwood Doss of Martin relies on special tools to disassemble and move 800-pound grand pianos. "Two people can move a grand or upright piano if they know what they’re doing," Doss said. You begin by placing a hydraulic jack (called a "jack-in-the-box") under one side and raising the piano until one leg is clear of the floor. Then you remove the leg which has cast iron "fingers" that hold it in place. The piano body is lowered on its side onto a wheeled skid board. Other legs and the pedal lyre are removed and the piano is then ready to be moved. "If we didn’t have the jack-in-the-box, we’d need someone to hold the piano up while someone else removes the leg," Doss said. "It’s a handy tool."

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Financial Aid Office sponsors nights
The Office of Student Financial Assistance at the University of Tennessee at Martin will sponsor three sessions in February on how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The sessions are scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. They will be held Feb. 20, at the UT Martin Technology Center in Ripley; Feb. 21, at McNairy Central High School; and Feb. 23, in Room 230AB, Boling University Center, UT Martin.

The workshop will provide assistance to fill out the FAFSA form online, answers to financial aid questions and information regarding the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship. Participants need to take completed 2005 tax returns for both the student and parents, W2 forms from 2005 for both the student and parents and, if available, their Personal Identification Number (PIN) for electronic signature. To apply for a PIN, go to www.pin.edu.gov.

For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Student Financial Assistance at 881-7040.

UT Martin offers ballroom dance
The University of Tennessee at Martin Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education (ECCE) is offering a six-week ballroom dance class. Classes will be held from 7-8:15 p.m. on Mondays, Feb. 27-April 10, at the Obion County Senior Citizen Center, 622 S. Depot St., Union City. There will be no class on March 13. The fee is $60 per person or $110 per couple. Fran and Richard Robinson will instruct the class.

The class is designed for participants to learn the basics of ballroom dancing. Dances covered include the swing, waltz, fox trot, rumba and the cha-cha. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes, no tennis shoes or rubber soles. A partner is not required.

Space is limited, and advance registration is required. To register, call ECCE at (800) 482-5199 or 881-7082.

Travel-study program slated to Canada
The University of Tennessee at Martin has developed a travel-study to Eastern Canada, slated for May 15-29.

Participants will visit the capital, Ottawa, then go to Montreal, one of North America's most dynamic cities, and Quebec City, a walled city with a distinct European flavor overlooking the St. Lawrence River. Other points of interest include Fredericton and St. John, the oldest city in Canada, and the “Acadian” country, settled by French colonists four centuries ago.

The cost of the travel-study program is $2,500 which includes all transportation, double-occupancy hotels, admissions to all planned activities and a daily buffet breakfast.

For more information, contact Dr. Paul Crapo, director of the Center for Global Studies and International Education, at 881-1023 or pcrapo@utm.edu.